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CIRCULAR.

## Department of Marine and Fisheries,

Ottawa, 15th December, 1879.

Sir,

The Minister's attention having been called to the fact that Fishery Officers in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec are accustomed to enforce the Game Laws, incidentally with their duties under the Fishery Laws, and objection being made thereto on account of the former Statutes being Provincial Acts and not necessarily subject to Federal authority, which enforcement the objectors also assume to involve some expense, however trifling, to the Dominion Treasury; I am desired to instruct you that in future all matters connected with laws for protecting and preserving game, other than fish, must, so far as your official capacity is concerned, be left to the entire control of the provincial authorities and the voluntary action of private individuals. This unavoidable direction is given with the more regret because of the intimate connection between the protection and increase of fish and that of game under our present system, which was in force at the time of Confederation, and has not since been formally discontinued on account of its proving beneficial to the public interest, and of immaterial burden to the public service. The Provincial Governments in these provinces having no official organization for the enforcement of Game Laws, and many of the local magistrates and other influential persons being more or less indifferent to the subject of preserving game, it was thought advisable to secure whatever incidental protection the Fisheries staff could afford, by circulating copies of the Game Laws, and posting notices of the close seasons and other prohibitions along with the fishery notices which are usually issued and circulated at the times when and places where unseasonable and illegal hunting is pursued. The publicity thus given by these warnings to the principal clauses of the statutes in question had the double effect of informing and deterring persons who would otherwise have destroyed game indiscriminately, partly through ignorance of the legal consequences and partly because of the apparent indifference of public authorities. Whenever advisable, also, prosecutions were brought by or before the Fishery Officers.



You are aware, from experience, that the trouble and expense of enforcing the Fishery Laws have been very much simplified and reduced by your ability, through such means, to keep ill-disposed persons from frequenting the haunts of breeding game (particularly water fowl) under pretence of shooting, when every opportunity was made available to fish by unlawful means and at illegal and improvident seasons. It is known that many of the Fishery Officers have regarded it as somewhat onerous for them thus incidentally to enforce the Game Laws without receiving any extra allowance for either salary or expenses; but this Department has felt justified in doing so, from an official point of view, because of the practical assistance which it afforded to their regular duties. We have been, nevertheless, grateful to those Fishery Officers who have so spiritedly and efficiently exercised their powers without any remuneration therefor, actuated solely by a desire to preserve the valuable game of the country, which, without some such active interest and authorized supervision, would have been now very much decreased, if not in many parts almost exterminated. It will afford some satisfaction at least to the Fishery Officers more immediately concerned to reflect that they have thus far been instrumental in arresting the decline of game about certain portions of these provinces, and that in many places the more important species are largely increased in numbers.

This fact has had a noticeable bearing on the condition of the fisheries in the vicinity, it being well understood that an abundance of game, serviceable for food, is not only a very desirable resource for consumers generally, but that the existence of such animals was in itself an important matter as removing much of the temptation which otherwise impelled backwoods settlers and others to provide for their wants by catching fish irrespective of law or economy. In this respect the result of their efforts was an indirect saving to the public by obviating the necessity for augmenting the numbers of Fishery Guardians, and consequently increasing the cost of the service.

The Provincial Statute 22 Vic., cap. 104, commonly known as the "Sabbath Observance Act," has also been utilized for protecting fish and game; and as it is liable to



*the same objection as that now raised against the enforcement of the Provincial Game Laws by Dominion Officials, it must in future be left entirely to local jurisdiction.*

*You will please consider this Circular as amending your general instructions to the extent of omitting further reference to the Game Laws of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and the Sabbath Observance Act in the last named province.*

*I am, Sir,*

*Your obedient servant,*

W. F. WHITCHER,

Commissioner of Fisheries.



Re James Jones  
1899

W. H. H. H.



## THE FISH HATCHERY.

[Essex Record.]

On Tuesday of last week Mr. Wilmot, of the Fisheries Department, came here for the purpose of superintending the starting of the Sandwich Fish Hatchery into operation for the winter, in which undertaking he was engaged until Monday evening. There are now no less than thirty millions of white fish eggs put down for hatching, all the appliances for their reception having been filled. This immense number of eggs, but for the hatchery, would have gone entirely to waste, and the product of young fish, whether it be 50, 75, or 80 per cent., will therefore be a clear gain and an important one. The eggs were obtained from fish taken along the shore of Detroit River, and, in view of the bad season, Mr. Wilmot was exceedingly fortunate in obtaining them. The catch this season has fallen far short of paying the expenses of those engaged in the pursuit, and it has now become quite apparent that, without the aid of artificial hatching, the whitefish would soon become totally extinct in these waters. During the spawning season only have they visited the river, and they have been exposed to dozens of nets spread across their pathway, so that comparatively few escaped to deposit their spawn. Hence the vast commercial importance of the above-named institution. Mr. Wilmot has this fall, so far as space will permit, set up his new hatching apparatus, a rude specimen of which he tried at the same place and also at some of the other hatching houses last winter. The contrivance consists, 1st—of a metal bucket with a perforated false bottom raised several inches above the true bottom; 2. A tube with a regulating faucet leading from an elevated water trough to the space midway between these bottoms, by means of which the eggs (100,000 in each case) placed on false bottoms are acted upon—the water is turned on, and, passing up through the perforations, it keeps them continually in motion, rising and sinking like sand in a spring; 3. Near the top of the bucket, another tube is inserted through the side and extends nearly across the vessel, for the purpose of carrying off the water; and, to prevent the eggs floating off in the current thus created, the tube is covered with wire gauze. By this plan, the eggs being kept in motion continually, any impurity that may have attached itself to them is gently worn off by friction, and the formation of fungus, so annoying under the old system, prevented. But a far more important advantage is the facility afforded for removing the unfertilized or imperfect eggs, which service hitherto had to be done by a process of first "combing" with a feather, and then picking out with forceps, requiring the constant labor of one boy to about every one or two million eggs. Now, all that is necessary is to visit each bucket once a day and increasing the volume of water supply, causing it for an instant to gently overflow, when the bad eggs, being much lighter than the sound ones, rise to the surface and are carried off. One person's time is sufficient to attend the eighteen millions deposited in these buckets, whereas a dozen could hardly manage them if placed in the old-fashioned tray, and besides, the work is much more perfectly accomplished. The water, too, though brought from the main channel of the river, is charged with more or less dirt during the prevalence of wind storms, and this, when trays are employed, settles upon them or adheres to the eggs; but when buckets are used, it is all precipitated upon the true bottom, and is easily drawn off at intervals through an opening made for the purpose, which at other times is corked up. So perfect is this invention, that the U. S. fishery authorities, on seeing its practical advantages last winter here, at once adopted it, changing only the material, using glass instead of galvanized iron.

There has been no curtailment of the old apparatus this season, and the trays now contain 12,000,000 eggs, their full capacity. It is contemplated, however, to replace it entirely with the new next fall, when the capacity of the establishment will be increased from 30,000,000 to, perhaps, 60,000,000. Mr. Wilmot is deserving of much praise, not only for the great amount of ingenuity he has displayed in improving upon the means of artificial propagation of fish, and thus immensely increasing our food supply; but also for his deep interest in, and constant solicitude for, the success of this and its half-dozen sister establishments in the country. His efforts here are ably seconded by Mr. Nevin, also an enthusiastic pisciculturist, who has charge of the business.

## A NIAGARA PHENOMENON.

### An Unprecedented Migration of Minnows From Lake Ontario.

(From the Buffalo Express.)

Niagara River has this season offered some fine opportunities for the study of the maintenance of the equilibrium of animal life on both land and water. Early spring was marked by an unprecedented migration of minnows from Lake Erie into the Niagara River. They arrived by millions and formed here and there almost solid banks of moving flesh. The shores of some little creeks like those of Frenchman's Creek, emptying from the Canada shore into the Niagara River, were actually strewn with countless numbers of dead minnows, which had been suffocated for want of oxygen in these narrow channels. The advent of minnows attracted in turn, as might naturally be expected, a proportionately sized swarm of their destroyers, in shape of the different species of pike, muscalonge and black bass. The latter would be seen quietly in solid columns along the bottom near the shores, where the water was sufficiently shallow and transparent to permit a full view of them. Fishermen were perplexed and in despair, since they would take bait of no kind, no matter how temptingly displayed. Their stomachs were fairly gorged with minnows, which could be captured without any effort whatever.

Later on, when the main bulk of minnows disappeared without being followed by their enemies, the tables were turned, and bass fishing never has been known to be as fine as it was towards the latter end of the summer. Though the river is no longer stocked with minnows as it was in the spring, the present amount probably still exceeds that of any previous year, and has attracted later on another host of their natural enemies, the winged toilers of the sea. Never before has the surface of the green Niagara exhibited such an animated display of glistening white flocks of gulls and terns as in the present months. They have assembled by thousands, and luxuriate in immense abundance on their natural prey. Among them are some species never before observed here in any notable quantity, or even single specimens. We enumerate the Kittiwake gull, besides three species of terns, two of which are determinable as the black and common tern, while the other is dubious on account of its immature plumage. They are congregated in large and separate flocks, and though occasionally hovering high over the river, may easily be decoyed to come near the surface by throwing upon it some white bunches of cotton or paper. A good breach loader will then make considerable havoc among them, as they generally remain quite a long time near any spot where one or more of their shot comrades float upon the water.

It is very easy to see how black bass and the various species of gulls and terns should be found in such great numbers, where there is an unusual abundance of their natural food; but a more minute knowledge, through close observation and examination, is needed to determine the reasons for the unsurpassed spring migration of the minnows. The solution of the problem probably hinges also upon their peculiar microscopic food, which may have been affected by changed conditions of the ordinary prevailing temperature of the water, or other similar influences of a physical nature.

SHAD IN LAKE ONTARIO.—The Rochester Union says: "Our distinguished fellow-citizen, Seth Green, has just received information that is not only gratifying to him, but of very considerable interest to the public. It is of a nature that confirms Mr. Green's judgment that shad can be successfully propagated in the large lakes. The information comes from J. A. Howard, of Port Ontario, and is accompanied by proof of the news conveyed. Mr. Howard sends a fine male shad, weighing 5½ pounds, which he says was caught in a gill net six or seven miles out in Lake Ontario, off Port Ontario, at the mouth of Salmon river. The fish is the largest of its kind yet caught in the lake, and is one of those placed in its waters by Mr. Green in the year 1872. The attempt to introduce the fish in fresh water was an experiment. It is now no longer in the list of experiments, but a matter of certainty. The fish have been caught at various points on the lake ever since the fry were put in, and appear to grow as rapidly and possess all the qualities of the shad that are caught in salt water. Mr. Green now intends to go on with the work of supplying the lake with a large quantity of shad by liberating fry. States bordering the upper lakes have also tried the experiment of raising shad in those waters, and the people will be pleased to hear that everything points to the success of the movement. The French King who wished to see a fowl in the pot of every peasant in his dominion could not carry out his desire; but Seth Green may place a shad on the table of every house in the State." We may add, in confirmation of the success of Mr. Green's experiment, that shad, which, previous to Mr. Green's attempt at propagating them in Lake Ontario, were unknown in the waters of the Bay of Quinte, are now caught in considerable numbers by the fishermen along its shores, and that we have seen many of the fish, which are very beautiful and highly esteemed as food. Many thousands of young shad died in the lake, yet a sufficient number have survived to make the experiment measurably successful. The people of Canada therefore owe a debt to Mr. Green as do his own countrymen, for as the shad have no respect for boundary lines, they are fast becoming an item of value in the accounts of the fishermen.—Belleville Paper

## RIVER FISHERIES.

(To the Editor of The Globe.)

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your journal for the purpose of noticing a great grievance of which our fishermen along the Niagara River complain, and to ask if there is any relief. It appears there are a number of parties in the town of Niagara and the village of Youngstown, N.Y., who, contrary to law, I am informed, place gill nets at the mouth of the river from old Fort Missauga and Fort Niagara, on the opposite side of the river, extending a mile out in the lake, with meshes small enough to entrap the smallest fish which would come up the river. I understand that the fishermen along the river lose by these illegal and unjust transactions hundreds of dollars during the season. Is there not a law which expressly states that no such obstructions shall be placed at the mouth of any stream or river? And is there not an inspector whose duty it is to look after these daily violations of it? If there is not, it is high time the Government appointed a man who will, without fear, favour, or affection, see that these fishermen, who annually pay a good rental for their grounds, have their business protected. It is decidedly unjust to ask these men for rentage, when they do not get scarcely any return for their labour and the expense which they have gone to in fitting up "machines."

I understand that a correspondence has taken place between the Canadian and American Government in regard to these obstructions, and that our Government had instructed the Inspector at Hamilton to enquire into the matter and report to them. The enquiry was made, so I am told; but the information concerning it was sought for and obtained from one of the very parties who openly violated the law in this respect. It would be a very easy matter for him to say that the gill nets did not hurt or interfere with the fishing up the river—yes, and quite to his interest to say so. This report was probably sent to our Government, and doubtless the reason nothing further has been done in the matter. We trust the Inspector will "see through" this affair, and that our fishermen here are protected, and those violators of the law punished for this unjust work.

Yours very truly,

FAIR PLAY.

Queenston, Oct. 22, 1877.



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Ottawa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

CANADIAN SALMON IN ENGLAND

Editor of the CITIZEN.

SIR,—Dr. Buckland's letter in yesterday's *Citizen* is important. If any Canadian salmon shipped to England are found to be "unclean and unseasonable," there is a fair presumption of illegality, and their origin should be traced by the authorities in Canada as well for our own protection and credit as for the interests of English dealers and consumers. But fresh salmon preserved in ice or frozen artificially may be lawfully shipped from this country, and yet reach their destination in an unwholesome state. Such a result might prove ruinous to shippers and injurious to trade. The principal of our dealers in fresh salmon are prudent, experienced, and respectable men, having considerable capital embarked in this business. It seems improbable, therefore, that any of them would ship unsound fish, or traffic in such as are foul and unseasonable. I am informed that an experimental shipment of salmon from Restigouche consisted of fish caught in July last, and since kept in the freezer, which were packed in ice and conveyed in refrigerators on board of one of the ocean steamers, reaching Liverpool in perfect condition. It seems impossible that this consignment could suffer so much in transit thence to London.

Dr. Buckland correctly assumes that on Canadian salmon river is now legally open for nets. Our fishery laws forbid netting salmon after the 1st of August in Quebec and Ontario, and after the 15th of August in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Therefore, any ~~falsely~~ netted fish marketed after those dates would be subject to confiscation as being both illegal and unseasonable. Of course, there can be no such thing as "clean, fresh-run" fish caught in Canadian rivers in October; but salmon preserved in snow and ice, or frozen in a fresh state by the artificial process, and shipped to the trade and consumers during the winter months, has been a common article of commerce in this country. It is quite lawful to buy, sell, or possess them in Canada throughout the close season if they have been lawfully caught in open season. The same rule exists in England. Our fishery laws provide a "lawful excuse" for their possession, and it is the duty of the owner to produce proof of legal origin if required. This department adopts a system of granting certificates, which *bona fide* traders find it beneficial to observe. The same plan might apply to exportations from Canada. No doubt, this new enterprise of sending Canadian salmon to English markets, at a time when the sale of salmon assumed to be caught in Great Britain is prohibited by Imperial statutes and local regulations, will necessitate the adoption of co-operative means to prevent evasions of those laws, without, at the same time, depriving Canadian dealers of the advantage of English markets in winter time, and the British consumer of the benefit of a desirable variety of fish food. How to accomplish this requires some consideration. Meanwhile, it would be very unfortunate if hasty prejudices should arise on the other side, or that illegal practices should prevail on this side of the Atlantic, to defeat the venture of Canadian traders, and to deprive British consumers of any benefits attending competition and an enlarged supply. There is a possibility that "tricks of trade" may have something to do with the present aspect of the case to which Dr. Buckland draws attention.

Your obedient servant,

W. F. WHITCHER,

Ottawa, 27th November.

FISH PROPAGATION.

Seth Green writes from Rochester that June shad had been caught in Lake Ontario last summer. He believes they became landlocked and will make the lake their home, thus adding new fish to the waters of the lake.

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Dec 25. —

Speaking to Mr. Jas:  
m. came in at 3. p.  
near 50. C. J. Kerr X



My dear Stull,

13. October 1877,

A Mr Sagle, a farmer, resident at Weston near Toronto, has been recently with another person up in Caledon, where they caught 200, speckled trout, put them in a barrel, but on arriving home 22 of <sup>to the credit</sup> them were dead. --

They intend going back again, with nets to catch 200 fish more, --

I hope your appointment is not made in vain, and that you will catch and heavily fine some of these law breakers -- be on the Alert. -- I shall make Mr Sagle sweet for what he has already done.

J. O. John W. Kero  
D.O.

Wm Stull Esq  
D.O.  
Erin Village,



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1877. -

- + At Toronto, to see the Fisheries Board. The morning was spent in testing the salmon - during the afternoon - called on Mr. John Gordon Esq. to see of his services, together with his son Wm. Went out at 1 o'clock, p.m. came in at 7, p.m. Miles 66. H.B. 1.50, Railway fare 1.70, dinner 30, tea 25, bed 25. - - -

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1877. - -

- + At the Mouth of Buffalo Creek, examined it carefully thence to School Bay - and the mouth of Long Creek, saw the former dry, and gave him his instructions for the year. He went with a party of men was of no use, then back to John Ols. saw John Ols. who engaged to guard the mouth of the river from this time until the spawning season. The day was fine, the small gravel heaps in Buffalo Creek South of the L. S. Railway Bridge - thence to Green Island Bay, and the Bridge - down to Joe Black's, - and the mouth of the Rouge - found that there is drifts some in the little and big Rouge, - thence to Wilson's Hotel, Port Union, went out at 6 a.m. came in at 6 p.m. Miles about 36. Horses and Buggy 3.50. breakfast dinner, tea and bed 1.00. - Total 4.50.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1877. -

- + At Port Union, inspected a mouth of the river, it was shut up and closed as usual, there is no water there. - Miles 50. H.B. 1.55. Breakfast and dinner 55. - Miles 50. For particulars - see my report of the day.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1877. - -

At Toronto, to see the Boat Race, which did not come off. - saw Hicks of the Stumbers - found out where the eagle lived in Weston, and who is. - He is a Game Keeper there and has a farm. -

- + Went out at 9 a.m. came in at 9.30 p.m. Miles 92 - Ry 1.20. half fare. - dinner 30. Tea 25. -

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1877. -

- + At Dundas, to give notice for speaking to the Hon. Commissioner. Went out 9 a.m. came in at 4 p.m. Miles 16. H.B. 2. - dinner 50. C. F. saw it was with me. -



10.10.1877.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, and in reply to inform you that this department is <sup>not</sup> made directly aware of the Niagara River, being especially anxious to remain in a position.

In reply to this letter of your concern, I beg most respectfully to state, that not receiving any special application from the Niagara River, on the subject referred to, I did not apply to you on behalf of the River.

The only licensed fishermen situated in the <sup>large</sup> river passing for White fish in the Niagara River, on the lower of Niagara, between the Village of Lambton there, and the Detroit Royal Station and bridge, are as follows, -

And in this behalf only, I beg to apply, that the same privilege be granted them, as granted to the Detroit River fishermen during those seasons this year.

There is this difference between the two Rivers. - In the Detroit River, the White fish will be caught, and many thousands of them be placed in the barrels, from which they will spawn. In the Niagara River, the White fish do not come into the mouth of the river until after they have spawned. Consequently, if the permission is granted, the White fish will not be caught during the spawning time.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Miller

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Wm. H. Miller  
J. O.



Sir,

13. October 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith, my account, and diary, for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> day of September last amounting to,

please add..	Voucher, \$80.1.	For postages..	2.42.
"	"	" 2. "	Telegraphs 2.27.
"	"	" 3. "	Stationery.. 1.90.
"	"	" 4. "	Office Rent. 5.00.
"	"	" 5. "	Witness fees. - 5.00.
"	"	" 6. "	Constables fees, 5.00.
			Total. \$111.44c

This amount you will please observe is a small increase of \$19.704 over the corresponding quarter last year, which I beg to account for, by the special duty I performed on the River Credit and its branches. And the paying of Witness fees, to forward the ends of justice, in the J. I. Standford case, Glendens Creek, Dundas. - -

You will please observe that I travelled 1468 miles during the quarter, that I was 32 days actively engaged. - The amount would be about 6¢ per mile all round. -

I am using my best economy consistent with the efficient discharge of my duty to keep down expenses, and with due respect

Yours, Minister,  
H. H. H.

I Have &c.  
John W. Kerr  
J.O.

W. Kerr

Niagara, 9. Oct 1877. -

I spoke to John Bolton (and his brother Charles was present) to remove the lumber as I wished to put up a Boat House, and he replied that he would not, as he was going to put up one himself, - as the lumber was there for that purpose. - - You had better come down immediately, as I wish to put up the Boat House as soon as possible. -

Yrs &c. &c.

Read, Copied, and Submitted to  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Minister. -

Thomas Moir,  
per J. O. -

John W. Kerr

13. Oct. 1877.

J.O.



Sub.

13, October 1877,

In submitting for your consideration, and adjudication the ~~case~~ <sup>case</sup> of Mr. Thomas Moir, licensed fisherman of the ground referred to; I have the honor to report; That Mr. Thomas Elliott and Thos. Moir, the Complainant occupy; That portion of the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario, situated between the Bank House on the River Niagara, and Kennedy's Hollow, in Lake Ontario; a distance of about two miles in front of the Town of Niagara; in the County of Lincoln, and Province of Ontario; and extending outwards from the beach to the boundary line, in the said River Niagara and Lake Ontario? - - -

And in doing so, they have always endeavoured to keep the beach free from dead fish, fish offal, &c., by burying them - While John Bolton, referred to, has been acting in contravention of the Fisheries Act, as recent reports will have shown you. - - - And until he forced himself thereon? -

In receipt of the letter attached, I telegraphed Mr. Thos. Elliott, Niagara: - When John Bolton, from me, that he can build no Boat House on your licensee's beach landing ground, without permission from your department - at Ottawa. - Send me by mail your license, for this year at once. - - -

Yours truly, J. O. -

I was at Niagara, about ten days ago, Mr. Moir, asked me if he might build a boat house, beside his fish house, I told him yes! he might do so, the beach was for the accommodation of Reels, &c. boat houses, and for small houses to store fish in, by the licensees of fishery. - - -

On Mr. Moore, requesting John Bolton, to remove some lumber, that he had on this beach, to make it aware, that he Moore might build here a Boat House, - his Bolton reply is a blunt refusal. - - -

At the time Bolton was fined, for putting the fish offal, in the Niagara River, Mr. Thomas Moir, was a good witness, hence the dominating attitude, and bad feeling Mr. John Bolton, has towards Moir. - - -

John Bolton, has his own beach landing ground with half a mile, of beach his fish house, Shanty and Reel out at the two mile Creek, Lake Ontario, but all this, does not appear to be sufficient for him. - he will domineer and annoy and invade the fishing beach of Mr. Thos. Moir, - principally because he withstood against him. - - -

My reading the attached Notice I sent Mr. John Bolton, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August last, and another Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> of August, herewith, I had posted up in Niagara; Mr. Bolton, has been treated very leniently by me and the Licensees of this fishing beach now referred to. -

Before advising Mr. Thos. Moir, to take



action in the matter, I beg to submit the following particulars so that you may yourself judge the manner of man Mr John Bottom is. -

Hon. Minister,

Y. Y. Y.

And with due respect

I Have &c,

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Sir,

11. October 1877. -

I beg most respectfully to report, for your information after inspection made by me of Duffin's Creek, Township of Pickering from the Village to the Lake Ontario, that I deem it advisable and most essential to have five small hills of gravel and sand accumulated, in the bed of the River south of the Railway Bridge removed by shovelling it out, immediately. - - They are joined in the rapids, where a portion of the Salmon usually spawn, and their removal at a very trifling expense will add considerably to the space required about this particular place for the Salmon to spawn in. - - -

It will be necessary to engage Mr John Gordon by and his son Wm D. Gordon, of Duffin's Creek, to care watch and protect the Salmon during the spawning time, and until the Salmon retire from the stream to the Lake altogether, after spawning. - - -

I have engaged them accordingly, at the same rate as last season. - - But in addition to this, I beg to recommend that Mr John Miles, of Pickering, be engaged to watch the mouth of this Creek, I believe him to be a very reliable, and trustworthy. The Creek is free from saw dust, and in fine condition, but no Salmon have yet made their appearance therein. - - -

As this present blow and rain is good Salmon weather, the fish may daily or any make their appearance. - - I feel in my mind that this will be a good Salmon season, in this Creek, hoping the arrangements I have made and have in progress will meet your approval. - - -

Hon. Minister,

Y. Y. Y.

Y. Y. Y.

I Have &c,

John W. Kerr

D.O. -



11. October 1877,

With reference to Salmon spawning in Ste-  
ana Creek, Township of Scarborough; My opinion is  
very doubtful in the matter. -- Although the streams  
have risen within the last 3 days, from continued rain,  
and are still rising from the effects of heavy rains,  
still the mouth of this Creek continues closed up.

And I have to report with much reluctance, that I  
do not deem it advisable that any person should be  
engaged this fall to watch this Creek. --

If any Salmon should make their appear-  
ance there, I will hear of it immediately. --

The matter, however, is submitted for your  
consideration, and approval, irrespective of my own  
views in the matter. --

And with due respect,

Hon. Minister

H. H. H.

I have the

honor to

Yours

Dundas Manual, --

Hamilton Times. --



### Herring and Pike Spearing Licenses.

Department of Marine and Fisheries,  
FISHERIES BRANCH,  
Ottawa, 9th October, 1877.

LICENSES to SPEAR HERRINGS from 10th  
November to 15th December, and LICENSES to  
SPEAR PIKE from 1st January to 31st March,  
in Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh, will be  
issued on application to the Local Fishery  
Overseer, (J. W. KERR, ESQ.)

By Order,  
W. F. WHITCHER,  
Commissioner of Fisheries.

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### Herring and Pike Spearing Licenses.

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,  
Fisheries Branch,  
OTTAWA, 9th October, 1877.

LICENSES TO SPEAR HER-  
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tion to the Local Fishery Overseer, J. W. KERR,  
Esq.

By order,  
W. F. WHITCHER,  
Commissioner of Fisheries.

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of 12. Oct. 1877. --

private and Confidential. --

My dear Harry. --

I will leave here by the Train on Sunday  
next at 11.30 o'clock a.m., as I want to see what is going on,  
up and down the River at Greenstown. --

Will you be pleased to meet me, say, about 1/2  
past 1 o'clock p.m., at the Suspension Bridge next  
Sunday, when the Train arrives there. --

I will want your Nephew so please apprise  
him accordingly. --

Yours paternally,  
John D. Cass  
J.D.C.

John D. Cass  
J.D.C.



Set.

10. October 1894.

I have the honor to acknowledge for your information that I deem it expedient, that Mr Henry Moon of Victoria should be engaged at once to guard and protect the salmon in the Rouge during the spawning season, and pay him a sum of \$40. - - -

There are two Wood drifts, that I consider necessary to be removed at once, one drift is in the Little Rouge, and the usual spawning grounds. - - And the other is on the main Rouge near George, Horstons. - - - Salmon cannot get up these streams very well until these obstructions are removed. - - -

I would therefore recommend that \$40, be paid Mr. Moon, for his services in faithfully guarding the salmon, and removing the obstructions referred to. - - The Mouth of the Rouge is very small just at present, as compared with former years, at this season of the year. - - -

I recommend this matter for your immediate consideration and approval, as I have notified Mr. Moon, to hold himself in readiness, in fact have engaged him to enter on duty at once, subject to your decision, and approval. - - -

Hon. Minister,  
H. H. H.

I Have Ye  
John W. Kerr  
P.O.

My dear Mr. Gordon,  
Yours just received, on the day after we parted, I made my report, and recommended your engagement, and your sons, &c, to which I receive your reply: - Copy -

And so the matter now stands, however! it cannot be that Mr S. Wilnot, will ignore my arrangements. - - It is a good thing, that no salmon have made their appearance, I recommended a small grant for securing the gravel and sand referred to. - -

The moment I get a final answer I will either run down again, or telegraph and write -  
With kind regards,

Yours sincerely  
John W. Kerr P.O.

P.S.,  
Salmon will not come into Creek until near full of the moon. - Perhaps they have been all caught in Wilnots pound net. - Set from St. East's Camp.



Sir,

10. Oct. 1877,

I beg to report, that after my inspection made, I respectfully recommend that Mr. Jas. Story of Whithy be engaged again this fall to protect Salmon in Lyons Creek, during spawning time subject to your approval. -- The mouth of this Creek is in splendid condition. The bar that heretofore shut up the mouth of this Creek, is gone away and the appearance there now is very pleasing. --

There is however at present two obstructions in the Creek, between the base line and the mouth, L. Ontario, that requires to be immediately removed at a small cost. --

Two Mags have settled down on to the bottom of the Creek, making it impossible for Salmon to ascend the stream to the rapids and spawning grounds until the obstructions are removed. --

I think it also advisable, that some barrier should be temporarily placed at the Kingston Road Bridge, so as to prevent the Salmon from going any further up the stream. -- Good gravel and rapids and a sufficiency of water being in abundance between the G. S. Ry. and this Bridge, for spawning purposes. --

I beg to recommend that a sum of \$35, be allowed for the protection of this Creek. -- and for cutting out, and removing the Mags referred to. --

I have a much better Salmon opinion at present of this (Lyons) Creek, than I had a week ago. --

I beg to recommend that you will be pleased to sanction what I do here present for your perusal. --

The Creek is entirely free from saw dust.

And with due respect,

I Have the

John W. Kent

J. O. --

Hon. Minister,

H.

Ottawa.

My dear Friend,

Yours received, be so good as to let me know the place the small white fish are landed at, and I will be there, and seize them, when they land. —

Many thanks for your information, I will not make my appearance at Niagara until after I catch them.

With kind regards to Mr. Cantwell,

Mr Jas: Cantwell,  
Fisherman,  
Niagara. Onto.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Kenner

D.O. —

13. Oct: 1877. —

My dear Sir,

Yours received, I have laid everything before the Fisheries department to Ottawa. —

And in a few days when I hear from there, will run down at once. —

My kind respects to Mr. Elliott and family and believe me very sincerely,

John W. Kenner

D.O. 13. Oct 1877

Mr Thomas Elliot  
Fisherman  
Niagara

P.S. I received your letter of the 10th inst.

My dear Sir,

On receipt of this notice — you will please discontinue to open the mouth of Lyons, or Lyons Creek. —

Mr Samuel Wilmut, and the Fisheries department do not consider it necessary to go to further expense in doing so, as regards the spawning of salmon therein during this fall. — And with my best regards. —

James Stong Esq  
Whitby, Onto.

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Kenner

D.O.

25. Oct 1877.



12. 2. 1877.

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., and I am glad to hear from you. -- Please let me have the names of the men you allowed to pass through your fingers & who took leg bail.

It is as utterly impossible for me to get up, so must not feel disappointment in consequence. --

Who is this Mr Eagle of Newton, who has erected a fish pond, and has himself and another person caught with hook and line 200, Speckled Trout during close season, & presume in contravention of the Fisheries Act. --

By what right or authority have they been breaking the law; please give me at once all the particulars, with date, and the name of the place where caught; --

The death of 22 fish plainly shows the illegality of the thing. --

In reply to your application in behalf of Mr Eagle, who wants to net in the waters of the River Credit for 200 hundred Speckled Trout more, and that you should like me to inform you, whether you should permit him to net for them or not, and that while netting he desires you to be present. --

You will excuse me for drawing your attention to the oath of office you have taken, as Minister, see Sub Section 2. of Section 1. of the Fisheries Act. --

Thus! you see you can neither permit him, nor yet accompany him! He only wants your presence as a cloak, to cover him, while breaking the law. --

Unless Mr Eagle, and his confederate, have the written permission and sanction of the Minister, he cannot fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell or possess Speckled Trout during close season. --

Whether they be alive or dead, between the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May; -- refer to your instructions, received by you from the department, a copy of which I sent you myself. --

My reference to section 15, and to sub section 2. of section 15, of the Fisheries Act; you will find that without the written permission of the Minister, Mr Eagle nor no person else can obtain Speckled Trout, for the purpose referred to, so that in all cases of the kind; there is only alternative, prosecute and prove it down immediately, by the strong arm of the law, no matter who the offenders may be. --

I have no power, to give liberty to any one, to commit an unlawful act, neither have you,

The Minister alone is empowered by the law referred to, so you, and I, must just view the offence as it is. -

We have no power to sanction the eagle illegal fisher. And I see no alternative left us, that is you and I, but to prosecute him and his friend: For catching 200. Speckled Trout, during close season, and for killing 22. of them. -

It is now about the time, during the close season for these fish now spawning, that so much destruction is committed by the eagle and the dove, &c. &c, and you should give your close and active attention to spawning streams continually, you are employed to protect, shut your eyes on no man, who breaks the law. -

Write and please post me at once. - Tell me where at Weston, I can find the eagle, and I will go and see him - and with my warm regards to Mr. St. and your son,

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Kent  
St. Andrews.

Andrew Hughson Esq.  
Bishop's Overseer. -  
Orangeville. -

Monday, 15. October 1877.

Heard from Isaac Mills. Today - that Dundas had got a patent of Dundas Marsh, from the local Govt. &c. &c. and the papers were produced and read at the meeting held at John Hughson's on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, met Mr. Thomas Main, M.P. - and had a long conversation with him about the spearing in N. bay, and the Dundas Marsh. Say up to the 20<sup>th</sup> of April next, and at the rate of \$1. for all the spearing. - Thence to Toronto, N.Y.

Friday 19, October 1877.

At Toronto, thence to Whitby, saw Mr. Jas. Story, see my report, thence to Ruffin Creek, see my report, thence to Port Union - see my report, went out 8, A.M., came in at 11, P.M. Miles 85, and Ry fare \$2.00, H.B. 3.50, dinner tea and bed 1.25.



Sir,

18 Oct 1899.

In obedience to your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, I have the honor to send you herewith a memorandum of the claims of Mr James Cahill, Police Magistrate, and other parties in connection with the suits brought by me, against Mr J. S. Stanford and others, residents in the Town of Dundas. For polluting the waters of Dundas Creek, &c. &c. &c.

1. To Mr James Cahill Police Magistrate.	\$ 4.
for memorandum.	8. 00.
2. To Mr Thomas McDonough for do.	10. 75.
3. To Mr Thomas Littlehales, Gas Manager of the City of Hamilton - see report.	2. 00.
4. To Mr R. R. Waddell Solicitor, who prosecuted cases against MacIntyre, and Stanford convicted, the first 10, and the latter \$20. and costs. —	8. 00.

Total \$34. 75

Besides five dollars, which I paid witnesses, which you have already refunded me, making in all the sum of \$39.75 of outside of my personal expenses, which would have been paid only for the interference of persons who stand in the way of operations in discharging my legitimate duties! —

The defendant should be made pay all legal costs, and half the fines when Mr Littlehales and Waddell, would be compensated, without charging the amount to the fishing department.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kent  
D.O.Yours faithfully,  
J. W. Kent

Saturday 20, Oct 1899.

At Port Union, Toronto and Hamilton, saw Henry Moon, see report. — Went out 9, 12, m. Came in at 4, p. m. Miles 60. My fare \$1.55. Breakfast and dinner 60¢. — Mile, 60

Hamilton, Onto.

18. October 1877. -

My dear Sir,

Mr Thomas Moir, a licensed fisherman - Niagara; having complained of you to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Minister, for trespassing on his fishing ground, by having lumber thereon, which you refused to remove; the same being on the beach of the Niagara River, in the Town of Niagara, and County of Lincoln. - - -

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Minister directs me to inform you as follows;

If Mr Bolton continues to encroach upon Moir's fishing limits after being duly warned; the latter's simplest course is to bring an action for trespass before a local Magistrate - Mr Kirby - for instance.

Mr John Bolton

Fisherman,

Niagara, Onto.

Yrs Truly, -

John W. Kerr J. W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

In continuation of my former letter to Mr Thomas Moir, of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, I have to inform you, that the following is the decision of the department in answer to my report. - Copy, - Ottawa, 16. October 1877. -

Sir,

"With reference to the dispute between Thomas Moir, and John Bolton, this department desires that you shall take no further active steps in the matter, unless some new features turn up, of which you will please keep this department advised." - "The quarrel seems to be of a trivial nature arising out of mutual jealousy."

"If Bolton continues to encroach upon Moir's fishing limits after being duly warned; the latter's simplest course is to bring an action for trespass before a local Magistrate, - Mr Kirby - for instance?"

This being the Minister's decision, the course is now laid down for you to pursue. - Mr Kirby will no doubt attend to Mr Bolton for you, if you think it advisable to proceed against him. -

I will move the license, whenever you bring Jack up; I have given Mr John Bolton my telegraph warning; and how has he taken it. - I send you herewith a few words, which you will please hand to Mr John Bolton, and with my kind regards. -

Yrs Truly, Thomas Elliott

Thomas Moir,

Fisherman.

Niagara.

Yrs Sincerely,

John W. Kerr



22, October 1877.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, in relation to the Costs incurred, in suits brought by me against certain persons resident in the Town of Dundas. -- For polluting Mordous Creek, & &, in which you ask me; Will you please mention to whom your letter alludes when you state that these Costs would have been paid by the parties themselves "had it not been" for the interference of persons who retard my active operation in discharging my legitimate duties? --

In reply, I have no hesitation in giving you the names of Messrs Browning and Beggs, Solicitors in Dundas.

And with due respect,

Your Minister,  
H. H. H.  
Ottawa.

I Have &c  
John W. Kerr  
D.C.

Note! please read sub-section 3, of section 16, of the Fisheries Act.

John W. Kerr  
D.C.

My dear Sir,

29, October 1877.

I have just written to Mr Bunting the Magistrate complaints of Doctor Larriss, & &.

I have also complained to the Government of them. -- Be very careful both you and your son, be incessant in your duties, and don't fail to keep the diary.

Have you lowered the rapid below the Bridge and taken some of the stone away that I pointed out to you. --

Did the water go down the waste gate on yesterday, did any salmon go up there, and did you examine and see that they returned into deep water again. -- you cannot be too particular. --

John Jordan Esq  
Haffin's Creek.

Yrs. sincerely  
John W. Kerr  
D.C.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. regarding to Lyons or Lynds Creek; and that I had better to secure James Story's services, for 3 weeks, commencing about the 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. The pay not to exceed \$20, including the removal of all obstructions in the stream. I have to report that I proceeded to Whitby on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., and on reading over to Mr. Story, the clause of your letter relating to Lynds Creek, he expressed himself dissatisfied at the remuneration fixed by Mr. Wilcox, and he said that even \$30, was too small. As the mouth of this Creek has been closed up again, and having now obtained Mr. S. Wilcox's mind on the Salmon capacity of Lynds Creek, I have no longer any hesitation in recommending that no Guardian be employed on Lynds Creek, during this fall.

I had no Salmon to report in Lyons Creek last fall.

Duffin's Creek. On the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., after I made an inspection of a portion of this Creek, to satisfy myself whether Salmon have yet come into this Creek, I came to the conclusion none had yet come in, and up to Friday night last no fish have been seen on the rapids nor spawning beds. The water is low.

I afterwards saw Mr. John Gordon Sr. and I read over to him the clause of your letter, in reference to him and his son being employed as Guardians, at \$20, or \$25 each, instead of \$100 and \$130, as in previous years.

In reply Mr. John Gordon, Sr. declined to accept Mr. S. fixed remuneration. I deemed a third party necessary to protect the mouth of Duffin's Creek, hence, the reason why I made the recommendation. Mr. John Gordon Sr. and his son were appointed, or rather engaged last fall, at the reduced rate of \$86, dollars, jointly last fall.

Mr. John Gordon, Sr. after some persuasion on my part consented to discharge the duty (as one) for \$40, during spawning season for Salmon. And I told him I would recommend that sum being granted to him, — I did not see Mr. J. Gordon, his son, nor any other person, for the purpose of going to guard the mouth of Duffin's Creek, for \$20, or \$25, say at the rate of 80¢ per day, 80¢ per night, sometimes lying on, and sometimes walking about the back of a river, during inclement weather.

John Gordon and his son, guarded Duffin's Creek last fall, faithfully for the sum of \$86, — jointly, and the duty was well done, only one Salmon having been killed, and taken from there, as I recently just heard, — and for which a prosecution, is now, or will be soon



in previous years. . . .  
 . . . . . if a few pointed white Salmon come  
 into the creek, and expect \$1.50 per unit. . . .

I have no remark to make on Mr. S. Wilmut's low estimate of good and honest men's services - for protecting a stream deserving of protection. . . .

It is only because I considered it necessary, that I alluded to the "hills of gravel" being removed from the bed of this Creek, south of the Railway bridge. - No one applied for the job, if the department are Mr. S. Wilmut, are satisfied that things shall be only as he recommends, why! I am perfectly satisfied also. . . .

The Rouge. I made it my business to see Henry Moon, who resides on the Rouge, and who knows the Salmon fishery, and I read to him, the clause of your letter in reference to the protection of this stream, "said to be frequented by Salmon, and requires a guardian from 20<sup>th</sup> October, to 20<sup>th</sup> November." . . .

In reply, I beg to state that Mr. Henry Moon, declines the Guardianship at either \$20.00 or \$25, which would be about 80¢ per day, and per night for 32 days &c.

He told me he can do better. . . . The man who serves under me as Guardian, must do his duty henceforth, faithfully. . . . Such being the case, perhaps I should urge nothing further to the department, and if Mr. S. Wilmut, will be satisfied, that no guardian be appointed for the Rouge at all during this fall, why just let it be so, and I will be satisfied, at once with his views, Mr. W. Cowan, a wealthy farmer, whose property bounds the Rouge from the Kingston Road, to the Lake, on both sides might be induced to engage as Guardian at \$40. - When I might say, without any hesitation that the parent Salmon of the Rouge will be well protected. . . .

My report on the Rouge last year, altho' slow, is however, better than previous years, as regards a few parent Salmon, being in there, and in Lake Ontario, near the mouth of the Rouge. . . .

In order that you may know that I am deeply interested still in Duffin's Creek where I discovered parent Salmon, long since Mr. S. Wilmut, is reported to have put 160,000 Salmon fry there. . . . I shall make nocturnal visits myself for the protection of this Creek. - It will never do, to leave Duffin's Creek unprotected. . . .

Unless all the parent Salmon, have been caught off, in the Round Nets, set during this current season in Lake Ontario, parent Salmon should be in Duffin's Creek, this week, July 11th today. . . .

Last season, the first Salmon was in D.C.K. on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. ---

No good reliable man will watch all night under \$1.50¢ per night, and a good many men, ask \$2, per night. ---

pl. are interested in about Duffin's Creek, and the Rouge Guards. and with due respect,

Hon. Minister,  
 & & &

I Have &c,

John W. Koss  
 H.O.

P.S. I would recommend that a few pair of parent Salmon, be sent from the Government Fish Breeding Establishment, Newcastle - to the Rouge, The Stumber - and The Credit; - so that they may spawn therein. -

Yrs obly  
 John W. Koss  
 H.O.

Wednesday, 24 October 1877. -

At Toronto, Whitby, and Duffin's Creek, - examined the Creek from the Railway, to the Mouth. John Piles - was with me, examined the Creek carefully, - found Robert Jordan - at his post - Salmon entered the Creek on Friday 19 October, as my observation showed a Salmon bed then, - Mr Jordan reported it the 20<sup>th</sup> - went out at 2, p. m. came in at 6, a. m. - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1877. - Miles 88. Ry fare \$2.00, dinner, tea, 75¢. Horse and Buggy \$1.75, Boatman \$1. - Miles 103, - ~~\$3.75~~ \$5.50

Thursday, 25 October 1877. -

At Duffin's Creek, saw one Salmon examined the beds - thence to Toronto, Hamilton, and Home; - Ry fare \$1.75 & telegraphs 25¢ and 24¢ - Breakfast and dinner 60¢ Street Railway 30¢. - Miles 60. - ~~\$3.75~~ \$3.14.



My dear Sir,

I have to complain to you, against Doctor Ferrie, and Philip Hodge - residents in Brougham for catching, and killing salmon in Duffin Creek, last November, and for having the same in their possession in Contention of the Fisheries Act. —

I also beg to complain to you, against Thomas Major, Salmon Keeper - Brougham - and James Major - of Whitvale, a Farmer - for having salmon in their possession last November, in Contention of the Fisheries Act. —

Yours respectfully,

John W. Kerr

D.O.

29. Oct: 1877.

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Duffin Creek.

My dear Mr Bunting, —

I deem it advisable to make the complaint herewith - and on hearing from the Fisheries Department - Ottawa - I will further advise you, and with my kind and best regards to you, Mrs and family. Believe me —

Yours respectfully,

John W. Kerr

D.O.

29. Oct: 1877.

Friday, 26. October 1877.

at St Bathons and Niagara, in Connection with Tom Moir, fishing ground trespasses on by John Bolton, saw Wm Kirby kept J. P. on the subject. got all particulars for report of this date to the Hon. the Minister, on the subject, Mr Kirby. Thos Elliot Thomas Moir, and I came to the conclusion to do nothing until it was known in whom the title of the Beach was. — went out at 8, A. M. came in at 3. P. M. — Miles 46. Railway #1, Buses 15, dinner 40, Horse and Buggy 2.25 — tea and bed 50¢, all cost \$4.30¢

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I have the honor to report that during the early part of November 1876. Thomas Major, Tavern Keeper - Monaghan, invited his brother James Major a farmer of Whitehouse to dine with him - when to the surprise of the latter he had a Salmon for dinner. . . .

James Major, told the person, who gave me the information. . . In this case, I will have to produce one brother against the other. . . My informant would not go forward. . . Thomas Major was a Tavern Keeper in Duffin's Creek, about four years ago. . .

Hon. Ministers.  
H. H. H.

I Have &c.

John W. H. K.  
D.O.

ser. 3

29. October 1877.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday night the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. the first Salmon (2) were observed by Mr. John Gordon, the Guardian on the spawning ground (beds) in Duffin's Creek, near the Grand Trunk Railway.

On Wednesday night the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. I was on the River from 9.30 p.m. until 6. a.m. - the following morning: . . .

The Salmon had then increased on the beds to four pairs. . .

You will please observe, that the Moon was nearly full this year, before the first parent Salmon made their appearance in Duffin's Creek. . .

The Ice coming down the Creek last spring, formed the gravel hills in the Creek on the rapids, and spawning beds; that I desired to have removed. . .

I Have &c.

John W. H. K.  
D.O.

Hon. Ministers.  
H. H. H.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1877.

at Niagara, St. Catharines and Home - Called the Fishermen together, and read out the Minister's letter respecting the Catching of Small White fish accidentally caught by them - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. Miles 46. Stage 50¢ Breakfast and dinner 65¢ Railway \$1. Buss 15, and H and B. 1.50. -  
Total 3.80¢



Sir,

29. Oct. 1877.

I have to report, that a short time ago, I received information that Doctor Ferries, and Philip Stodge of Brougham, caught, killed, and had in their possession a Salmon, they took from Duffin's Creek, during the month of November 1876. - - -

These men were found on the River bank, by John Gordon, but the game dealer, who ordered them off, they went away but subsequently returned and captured a Salmon. Such is my information. - - -

I will have to examine one against the other to prove the case. - - the person and a salmon to prove their presence on the stream. - - And to Mr. Clarke they passed themselves off as belonging to the Fisheries of the district, Pt. Tena. - - to examine, and suspect the spawning Salmon in Duffin's Creek. - - -

Please inform me, if they or any body else had any authority of the Reid, during the months of October and November 1876. -

Yours sincerely,

I have &c.  
John W. Biers  
D.O.

My dear Sir,

30. October 1877.

Will you be pleased to let me know how many acres of land, there is in the Road Saw, or as it is called Point aux Pins, -

Please state how many there is in the (Militia) Reserve portion of it, and how many acres there is in that portion of it held by the Local Government. - - -

Perhaps! you may be able to send me an old map of it, Mr. George - the Surveyor - could assist you. - - -

If so, you will do me a very great favour. - - Believe me,

John McMichael Esq.

D. O. Biers

The Road Saw. Office.

D.O.

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Biers  
D.O.

Mr. J.

24, October 1877.

I have the honor to report that I notified Mr. John Bolton Fisherman - Niagara; please see No. 1, attached; when I afterwards received from him the answer attached No. 2.

Having been telegraphed for by Thomas Moir, to come to Niagara, immediately and having other business that brought me there. - I found on my arrival there last Friday, that a portion of the beach on the Niagara River, for about 44 yards long, is now claimed by Messrs. Thomas Bank, and John Bolton, to the prejudice of the present licensees there, altho' Mr. Thomas Elliott, Fisherman - Niagara, by himself under Lease of Fishery, dated 27. day of April 1862, occupied the ground ever since, that is to say: "From the Niagara Dock Company's Wharf, to the west line of the Government Reserve, at Niagara, in the mouth of the Niagara River."

And ever since 1862, Mr. Thomas Elliott has had an Annual license of the same fishing ground, and up to this date. - - -

The late Charles Roddy, deceased, and Mr. Oats of Toronto, for a portion of the time, since 1865, occupied this fishing ground jointly, with Mr. Thomas Elliott. - -

Mr. Oats sold his <sup>boats,</sup> and the Fish House, which is on the Beach, to Thomas Moir, for \$400, each. - - - Since then Mr. Thomas Moir, jointly with Mr. Elliott, has occupied the ground now in dispute, permitting as they did, and still do permit John Bolton, to place his reels on the beach on which to hang up his gill nets, and to haul up his boats on to the beach. - -

John Bolton not only has had the permission to do so, but he erected a pig pen up against Thomas Moir's Fish House, contrary to Moir's consent, which became a great nuisance not only to Mr. Moir, but to the community. And it is where this pig pen stood, Moir wants to build his boat House, which Bolton objects to, as he claims the place on which to put up a boat House for himself. - - -

I will have to give you more particulars and facts, so as to enable you at once to ascertain from the Ordnance department Ottawa, - whether Thomas Bank, has any right or title from Gov<sup>t</sup> to the Beach now held in contention by Bank and Bolton, as against Elliott and Moir, holding under a fishing license. -

The late Andrew Steron, deceased, of Niagara, held a Lease of say about half an acre of land, west of King Street, near and close to the Niagara River. - - - But this half acre of land did not extend on to the fishing beach. - - - being always occupied by the fishermen, and the public. - -

This 1/2 acre of land, after Steron's death passed to Duncan Malcolm's wife, daughter of Andrew Steron deceased. Duncan Malcolm sold the place to the late Henry Bank, since deceased, and Henry Bank sold to his brother Thomas.



who now according to Bolton's letter is now claimant, to the beach property, and for which he does not, and has never paid any consideration to the Gov<sup>t</sup>. . . .

Andrew Steron, was to have paid during his life time \$1, per year, and it is supposed his Title to the place died, with him. . . And it is said Thomas Buck, never paid rent to the Government. . .

An Old stable 18x27 feet, partly on the River beach, and partly on the Queens Royal Hotel property, is at present occupied by Bolton. . .

On this half acre, were buildings, that have been burned down, about 3 years ago, the only vestige of anything left, being the stable just referred to; . . . which has no legal right to be now on the fishing ground. . . .

The Queens Royal Hotel Company, of Niagara, however, at the late Captain Dick, (deceased), received from the Gov<sup>t</sup> Advance or Military department, during his life time, a 21 years lease of a block of land, within which the half acre of land already referred to, is situated. . . . And on which the Queens Royal Hotel was built and now stands. . .

This block of land, say 6 or 8 acres, is completely fenced in, by this Company; so that whatever right or title Thomas Buck, ever had, and Bolton has as Tenant in descent from Andrew Steron, Duncan, Malcolm, &c. &c., is completely wiped out, and set aside by the direct lease of 21 years from the Gov<sup>t</sup> to The Queens Royal Hotel Company of Niagara. . . .

The late Captain Dick, who was a friend to the Fisheries, whether he was bound by the lease of 21 years, or not, to observe the fishing rights on the Niagara River in front of the Queens Royal Hotel Block, had the fence so constructed and erected, as not to impede the fishing carried on there annually by Messrs Elliot, and Blair, under a license from the department. . .

From Morris Fish House, to the beginning of the place claimed by Buck, rented to Bolton is 60 ft. . . .

The water in N. River, and the Lake, is at present very low, and from the angle of the Hotel fence, at the North East Corner of King St, Niagara - beside Morris Fish House - to the water's edge is 51 feet from Morris Fish House to Bolton's stable is 44 yards - and this space is occupied by Bolton's F.C. Reels - for 6 yards, from the Queens Royal Hotel fence; and for this entire distance, and with logs and lumber belonging to Bolton. . .

The balance of the beach, to the water's edge, is free to all. . . . And the entire beach is still open, and can be travelled to this day from the Niagara Wharf Dock, along the beach to the west line of the Government Reserve at Kennedy's Hollow. . . .

Will you be pleased to get for me, a copy of the Lease from the Government Office to the District of Niagara, from the West, extending West in front of the River and now held by that company. -- I am sure that who holds the Title, thereby showing, that as the District of Niagara, he has no Title there! -- Also will you be pleased to decide this Case finally. --

The fishery herein alluded to, has been held under Lease, and License from the Crown Land, and the Fisheries Department, by Messrs Thomas Elliot and Moir.

On Friday last, I consulted with Mr. W. H. Kirby J. P. of the area -- about this case, Mr. Thomas Moir having applied for a summons against John Bolton, for trespass, when it was decided, I was to lay these facts before you. --

If Bolton is told in plain language by the Department, to desist he will do so, he has told me as much, and with due respect.

I have, &c.

Hon. Minister,  
H. H. H.

John W. Kerr  
J. O.

My dear Sir,

Having submitted the matter in dispute between you and John Bolton, to the Hon. the Minister for his decision, he has replied to me by the Commissioner as follows: "Your communication of 29<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to a dispute between Thomas Moir and John Bolton, will be submitted to the Minister on his return. -- Meanwhile, and until you are so instructed you will please take no further steps in the matter."

Will you please govern yourself accordingly. --

Yr. Sincerely,  
Thomas Moir,  
Fisherman.  
Niagara.

Yr. Sincerely,  
John W. Kerr J. O.  
2. Nov 1877.



Thursday, 1st Nov. 1877.

At Toronto, on the 1st Nov. - to see Mr. David  
Ward, and Col. Gray, about John Russell, selling the  
fishing license - at the Board, in Toronto. -  
Went out at 9. A.M., came in at 3. P.M. Miles 46.  
Railway fare 1.15. Boat 50. Dinner tea  
and beer 90. Found white fish, and salmon trout 24 =  
passed for Lake. - Heard from Andrew K. that he had  
sold all the fish, he had received from Collingwood,  
before close season. - Altho' he had a letter from Mr.  
James Patton, S.O. - that he might see them. - 2 1/2 3.90.

Friday, 2. Nov. 1877. -

At Toronto to Lake. - Thence to the City - it was very  
stormy when coming over. - Thence to the Fish Market  
see selling white fish and salmon trout. - Thence to  
Port Credit - saw Jim Wilcox - about salmon in the  
River Credit. - Went out at 9.30. A.M. came in at 3.30.  
P.M. - Miles 42. Ry 1. - Breakfast and dinner 65. -  
St & B: 1.50. 2 1/2 3.15.

Stationery 50. Telegraphs 37.

My dear Sir:

Having submitted your letter to me, to  
the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. - in regard to the  
dispute between you, and Thomas Moir, - about a  
portion of the beach on the Niagara River. - Town of  
Niagara.

I beg to send you the answer I have received,  
and I hope you will in the mean time govern  
yourself accordingly. -

Respectfully

Mr. John Bolton,  
Fisherman  
Niagara - Ont

Wm. A. - Andrew  
John W. Kerr, Esq.,  
Hamilton, Ont  
5. Nov 1877.

My dear Gordon, -

You had not written me since I was at Duffin's Creek. What is up? -

I dare say the run of salmon there this year, will be very slim! -

The moment you find the run of salmon has ceased, you will take off your bon from watching. - - -

You can yourself, after that keep on, and if a fresh supply were to come in, you would have to put him on again. With kind regards,

John Gordon Esq<sup>r</sup> Sr  
Guardian.  
Duffin's Creek. -

Y<sup>r</sup> truly,  
John W. Kerr  
T.O.

6. Nov 1877.

This day last year, the salmon left Duffin's Creek. -

Tuesday, 6. November 1877.

+ On W. beach, and returned yesterday not to join up any more on Sunday. - Thence as far as T. H. Cory's - Thence to Fred Morrison in Burlington Heights to issue Licenses for spearing, but no person came there to take out a License. - stopped at Morrisons from 3. until 4.30 p.m. Miles 26. H. and B. 2.50. dinner for 2 - 50 c. J. Kerr -

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 1877.

+ At Toronto, and Duffin's Creek. - found Wm Gordon on his post watching the Creek. - With salmon on the beds, - thence to see his father John Gordon. - went out at 2. p.m. came in at 9.30 p.m. - Miles 68. - H. & B. 1.50. Railway fare \$1.80. Tea and bed 65¢  
Exp 3.95¢

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 1877. - -

+ Examined Duffin's Creek. found two salmon in rapids below the Tumbling Dam - they were under a small cedar tree growing on the bank of stream. I saw them distinctly within 3 feet of me. - They appeared to be nearly spawned out. - saw several spawning beds. - The water is at present higher than usual in the Creek. - Examined the beds above and below the Railway Bridge. - Thence by Railway to Port Union - a great rain storm coming up, came on home. - Miles 68. Ry fare 1.80. Breakfast and dinner 65¢.



My dear Sir,

Yours received. you may dispose of the gill nets, as you propose. ---

The Fisheries department sent me copy of letter, sent to Mr. Plumb, respecting White fish close season, in the Niagara River, &c. &c. &c. ---

I will be down to get some White fish next week, I hope you will have a good Catch. ---

With kind regards to all, ---

Mr. Thomas Elliot,  
" " " " " " " "  
Niagara,  
Onto.

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr  
J. W.

7, November 1877. ---

Saturday, 10. November 1877. ---

At the Heights, and out on B. Bay. - Charles Smith, and City of Hamilton, and Henry Redmond, East Chatham's out spearing, they paid me \$1. each; - went out at 4. p.m. came in at 10. p.m. - Miles 12. Stand Buggy 1.50. J. Kerr with me. ---

Sunday 11. November 1877. ---

At Suspension Br. Suspension, and Niagara - joined all regular, went out at 10. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. Miles 60. Railway fare 1.40. dinner 40 tea and bed 50¢ 84¢ B. 2.50.

Monday 12. Nov: 1877.

At Niagara, St. Catharines and Stone, - saw Mr. Wm. Kirby J. P. who paid me half the fines on John Bolton, Charles Bolton, Charles Ball, Albert Ball, Ed. Patterson, and Mr. Matthews, fined \$1. each. - got catching. Killing, buying, selling, and having young White fish in their possession in violation of the Fish Act; - also had complaint against John and Charles Bolton. got planning sides and end of Boat House on the river. Messrs. Kirby told me Lansing wanted to know from him if he might find up a Boat House on Mr. Elliot and Mr. Kerr's fishing ground, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. Miles 50. Dinner 40. Railway fare 1.40. Stage 65¢

Tuesday, 13. Nov: 1877.

At the Heights - young James and Harry Summers, and Charles Smith, and George Skuse out attempting to spear, went out at 4.30. p.m. Came in at 10. p.m. Miles 10. Chas. John Kerr with me, - Horse and Buggy 1.50

Niagara, 15, November 1877.

J. W. Kerr  
S. O., Hamilton ( )

I beg leave to state that John Bolton and Charles Bolton brought a Boat House that had been situated on the beach some distance up the Niagara River belonging to Alex<sup>r</sup>. Lausung, of Niagara and drew out the sides, and one end on the Beach, so as to obstruct in part my building a Boat House which I intended to have put up. -

Yours &c. &c.

Thomas Alloit

One of the Lessees of the Fishery at the Mouth of Niagara River - - -

Sir,

14, November 1877.

I have the honor to report that I have just received the answer letter of Complaint against John and Charles Bolton - Fishermen - Niagara - "for trespass" - made by John Thomas Alloit, Lessee of the River hauling ground, situated in part of the Queens Royal Hotel Block, on the beach of the Niagara River, set apart as a Reserve, - for fishing purposes. - -

I was informed by Mr. Kirby Esq<sup>r</sup>. J. P. of Niagara, on Monday last, that Mr. Lausung referred to, had come to him, for his opinion about putting up this boat house on the Fishery Reserve alluded to. - -

Mr. Kirby, who is a true friend of the Fishery is &c. &c. told him plainly he must do nothing of the kind. - -

When I received your answer to my report of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, on this subject, - I noticed John Bolton, his reply then, as I have since heard was, that he would get Mr. Lausung to fight the Government, and the Government for him. -

Mr. Kirby, who is a Stock Holder, - in the Hotel, property told me, they claim nothing outside of their fence; hence all the beach in front is a Fishery Reserve. - - John Bolton, is so head strong, that I deem it advisable when the Minister returns, to give him a severe check and reprimand. - -

I Have &c

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister

John W. Kerr  
S. O.



Let:

14, November 1877,

I have the honor to report that being at the St. Catharines Station of the Great Western Railway, on Monday last, when the Toronto Train arrived there, for Buffalo, I saw three barrels of White fish and Sole on Train, put off for St. Catharines dealers. ---

One of the barrels accidentally had the bottom knocked out of it, and the fish therein appeared fresh, and as if caught during close season. ---

These fish came from Collingwood and Toronto, on Monday --- and were shipped by Andrew Port, fish dealer and Arthur Clarke, fish dealer - Collingwood.

Monday was the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, the close season terminated on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, say at 12 o'clock p.m. night. Then Sunday intervened, so that you will please observe that these fish being fresh, must have been illegally caught, fished for, and possessed by them, during the close season. ---

I Have &c

Yours, Wm. H. H.  
H. H. H.

John H. Kerr  
D.O.

My dear Sir,

I have read in the News paper, and I heard you - James Cahill Esq. Police Magistrate, that you have been placarded over the Town of Dundas. ---

Will you be so good as to send me one of the placards. --- and charge

Wm. H. H. Esq.  
Chief Magistrate,  
Dundas. ---

John H. Kerr,  
Fishery Officer. ---  
H. H. H. Esq.  
17, Nov. 1877.

Telegraph No 50.

Ed.

11.9 November 1877.

I have the honor to report that on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr. John Davis - Fish Commissioner - has been from Ottawa to Collingwood where he has a lot of fish for sale. While with him I saw a Trout - in fact a lot of barrels of white fish in a large boat - in fact an entire annihilation of fish. Made by Mr. Davis and myself. I have no hesitation in stating these fish from their very fresh appearance - must have been caught during these seasons. ---

I do not think that this series of proceedings is not only illegal but it is very unfair and causes discontent among the Fishermen of my division who have not been yet caught. Killed or had in possession white fish at Collingwood boat during these seasons. ---

The time is so short "eleven days" that I do think it should be rigidly kept and enforced at the places where these fish are caught. ---

Yours sincerely

Ed. W. Kay

My dear Sir,

Yours received, and I have forwarded the same to the Fisheries Department Ottawa. ---

You will please get for me the Locust Pods from W. Campbell, and keep them until I am down. ---

I hope you are all in good health. ---

After I saw you the morning I left Niagara Falls, Mr. W. Kirby, J. P., told me Mr. Lansing had been to him for leave to put up the Boat House, when he was advised to beware what he was about! that you and Com. Davis had a license of the ground and he could not put up a Boat House without authority from Fisheries Department. ---

The Fisheries Commission will shortly close in Halifax N. Scotia - when this case and many others now pending will be disposed of by the Minister on his return. ---

Mr. Kirby told me the Queen's Royal Hotel Company claim no part of the River beach, and that Com. Davis has no right on the River beach at all where the dispute is centered. --- That decidedly Com. Davis and you have the entire control under your position until the Minister's decision or his return is received by me.

Yours sincerely

Ed. W. Kay

Ed. W. Kay

W. Kay

11. Nov 1877.



at the height of 1577. —  
 I have the honor to report for your information —  
 that on Monday evening last Mr. R. L. & Peter Fish  
 dealer Hamilton arrived before me with White fish  
 from the Hudson, a quantity of 500 lbs. — That  
 from the very fresh appearance indicates that had  
 been just recently caught in the lake near by.

Before you come fish-  
 dealer to let out during close season and fish rep-  
 resenting these dealers as to the quality of fish  
 fish dealers custom. In this case it could not  
 be done without making the market cheaper  
 than as well as the fish dealers.

Southampton on Lake Huron where these fish  
 were shipped from to this City. The distance is 129 1/2  
 miles. —

Thanks to Mr. E. W.oughton General Man-  
 ager of the Great Western Railway for the order by  
 Charles L. Dyer is a fish dealer not to receive any  
 larger White fish — I have been in the  
 place since.

From Hamilton

Thursday 15. Nov: 1877. —  
 At the Heights all right. — C. J. Kew with  
 me. —

at the height of 17. Nov: 1877. —  
 At the height got three orders from Fred's  
 West Son — for John J. Baker #1. West Blambers. —  
 Samuel Blath #1. East Blambers, William Baker #1.  
 East Blambers, and from John Amersson for  
 James English #1. — Waterdown — sent out at 5.  
 p.m. came in at 10. p.m. Miles 10. 144 B. 1.50¢  
 C. J. Kew with me. —

at the height of 20. Nov: 1877. —  
 At the Heights in Charles J. Kew. saw a  
 sail boat at — was at Lake Thompson, got rope  
 from John Traff to search for my boat stolen  
 in May 1875. — sent out at 9. a.m. came in  
 at 10.30. p.m. — Miles 30. 144 B. 1.50, C. J. Kew  
 Levi Meeker and John Spigel. 2 Blambers pair #1. each.

Set

23. Nov: 1877.

I have the honor to report and it does appear by the annexed article cut by me from the Toronto Mail, dated of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, that Ashbridges bay, and the channel, situated east of the Toronto Bay, in the City of Toronto, in the County of York, is about to be sold, and a patent granted to the fishers, by the Government.

I would strongly recommend that you will be present in the case that is about to take place, to see, as it were, that all fishing rights are duly observed, and that the channel is the water edge on the Toronto bay, east of the channel, and the Don, to the gap - be reserved for fishing purposes. ---

Further that one chain from the gap to Leslie's is reserved also for fishing purposes, all along the south side of the channel from the edge of the waters of Lake Ontario. ---

It is most essential, that this reserve of one chain should be maintained for fishing purposes. The local Govt. is meant. ---

Hon: Minister

I have &c.

John W. Kern  
G.O.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov: 1877. ---

At N. bay for some ropes and to see G. H. Kern. ---  
went out at 2.30. p.m. - thence to the Bay - found all right - C. J. Kern with me. - It. and B. 1.50 miles 20.

Thursday 22. Nov: 1877. ---

At N. bay, waiting for G. H. Kern - he did not come  
went out at 9. a.m. came in at 2. p.m. It. and B. 1.50  
C. J. Kern with me - miles 8. ---  
(No change)

Constable McDonough.

To the Editor of the Times:

DEAR SIR, - Your article of Friday, the 9th inst., referring to the attempt at "Undermining Constable McDonough," has been universally endorsed by the law-abiding and fair-dealing people of Dundas, who quite agree with you in stamping this attempt as cowardly and mean. During the time that he has been constable of this town Mr. McDonough has discharged his duty without fear, favor or affection, making no distinctions of creed or nationality, and although by so doing he may have incurred the enmity of evil doers, he has earned the admiration and esteem of the right-minded, who are prepared to sustain the general conduct of Mr. McDonough with a will and to defend him against the malicious and underhanded attacks of the opponents of law and order.

I am prepared at any necessary time to furnish proof to substantiate my statements in regard to the ability and popularity of our constable and to show how little one at least of the Dundas Council cares for the threats of cowardly calumniators. I have no hesitation in signing myself,

A DUNDAS COUNCILLOR.

Dundas, Nov. 14, 1877.



27, November 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank  
cheque No. 155, for the sum of Ten dollars. - - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount to Spearing  
Herring in Dundas Marsh, and Burlington Bay, from the  
10<sup>th</sup> of November, to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1877. -

And from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, to the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1878,  
to Spearing pike, bass, &c. in the same places, as follows;

1. Charles Smith, - Hamilton, -	\$1.00 4
2. Henry Redmond, - East Glamboro, -	.. 1.00.
3. - Levi Baker, - do. -	.. 1.00.
4. John Springer, - - - do. -	.. 1.00.
5. John S. Baker, - - West Glamboro, -	.. 1.00.
6. Samuel Flath, - East Glamboro, -	.. 1.00.
7. - Abraham Baker, - do. -	.. 1.00. -
8. James English, - Waterdown, - -	.. 1.00.
9. William Clarke, - Hamilton, -	.. 1.00.
10. do. do. do. do. do. do. -	.. 1.00.
Total \$10.00 4.	

With due respect,

I have &c.

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

H. H. H.

D.O.

Monday, 26, Nov: 1877. -

On B. bay, grappled for my boat, near Alexander  
Browns wharf. Caught it or something else where the  
boat was said to be. - - - Later Hamilton gave the in-  
formation to Joe Gates, that he and Tom Croft. took it  
from Wulfages Inlet, towed it across the Bay, and put  
some stones. That it was sunk between 50, and 100 yards  
of the west side or end of the wharf. - -

Luke Thompson, Richard Gualding, Joseph  
Gates, Frederick Kerr and Charles John Kerr, were with  
me. We had Jack Laaffes seine hauling lines, and  
we caught 3 different tides. - Went out at 2. p.m.,  
Came in at 9. p.m. Mile 16, Boats

At 4 P.m. - 1.50 Spent 50¢, in treating the men being  
wet and cold. - - -

20.

27. November 1877.

I have the honor to apply to you for the Standard Blank Spearing Licenses; To be issued when called for to persons who purpose to spear in Dundas Marsh, Burlington Bay, and Ashbridges Bay, this Season. --

So far ten persons have taken out spearing licenses; The weather is stormy, and the water is discoloured.

I send you a Copy of License, as issued by me, and with due respect,

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr

P.O.

Hon. Minister,  
F. F. F.

Wednesday 28. Nov 1877.

x On B. bay, Constable Littlehales with me, Edward and Fred's men, found Robert Williams, Thomas Burke and Peter McPhail out on the Bay spearing. -- John Phillips also who paid me 1 dollar, -- was at the Valley Dam; -- found Jack Bueil and Robert Little at Carrolls point, -- was east of the Hospital -- went out at 5. p.m. came in at 12.30. a.m. Miles 20. Cost: Joe -- Edward Kerr -- and Fred's Kerr -- paid expenses 25. Sir James & John Yates paid \$1. each for spearing license. --

Thursday, 29. November 1877. --

x At the Police Court, Robert Williams fined \$5. and Costs. -- he paid me \$1. for License fee -- I gave him back his spears. -- got summonses for Thomas Burke, and Peter McPhail for spearing without a license in B. bay. -- fine \$25.

Charles Beaves -- paid me one dollar, for a license to spear. -- heard that Robert Hamilton, speared with John Phillips on night of 27<sup>th</sup> November. -- Miles 8.

Contd. 29. November 1877. --

✓ At B. bay -- and got License fees from Robert Hamilton and Wm. Drever -- they had been out spearing without a license and were complained; searched for Herline gill nets. -- found none. -- Charles John Kerr with me went out at 4. p.m. came in at 10. p.m. -- Miles 14. \$4 B. 1.50, -- C. J. Kerr 1.50. --

Friday, 30. Nov 1877. --

x Got out summonses for Richard Gualding, Robert Hamilton -- and Wm. Drever, for fishing without a license in B. bay. -- also went on the Bay, and examined for g. nets. -- Ric. Gualding paid me \$1. for license Edward and J. Kerr with me -- walking went out at 4. p.m. came in at 2 a.m. Miles about 16 -- Boat -- \$1.50.



- Sir. -

1<sup>st</sup> December 1877. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank  
cheque No. 172, for the sum of eight dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount to  
spearing sterring. &c, in Dundas Marsh, and B. bay,  
for season of 1877, and 8, as more fully shown in my  
letter of 27<sup>th</sup> of November last, as follows:

11. Richard Gauding, Hamilton, - - -	\$1.00.4
12. Wm. Drees, - do. -	1.00.
13. Robert Hamilton, - do. -	1.00.
14. John Phillips, - do. -	1.00.
15. Charles Beaver. - - - do. -	1.00.
16. Robert Williamson. - - do,	1.00.
17. Stewen Hakes, - - East Hakes,	1.00.
18. John Hakes. - - do,	1.00.
19. Mathew Thompson, Hamilton,	Free. - - -

He has given me important information. - -

With due respect,

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Kerr

John W. Kerr  
H.O.

+ Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1877. -

Attending Police Court. Robert Hamilton, Wm Drees  
and Richard Gauding (paid the 12) for each  
\$2.75 & costs - the latter \$1. and \$1.75 costs. -

Went on the Bay. That night found all regu-  
lar, went out at 4.30 p.m. Came in at 12. M. Night,  
flicks about 20. - Boat, 144 B 1.50 Ed. and Frederick  
Kerr with me. -

+ Monday 3. December 1877. -

On B. bay. - Lewis Mills, John Blain, Charles Shears,  
Black Lyons, Wm Lyons, James Gault and John Brambees  
paid license fees. I heard that the Smokes David  
Blaine the Campbells and Charles Shears, had 3 gill  
nets, examined the Bay, and along the shore for  
the same - Fred Kerr and L. J. - on with  
me also about Cook's old wharf &c -  
did not find anything, went out at 4. p.m.  
Came in at 4. A.M. - Miles about 20.  
Boat - 144 B - 1.50. -

Rev.

4. December 1877.

I have the honor to send you Bank cheque No 198 for the sum of Eleven dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for spearing licenses issued to fish in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh, for season of 1877, and 8. --- as follows:

20. John Biers, Hamilton, Ontario			\$1.00
21. Brock Lyons, West Glamboro, do,			1.00.
22. William Lyons, do, do,			1.00.
23. Lewis Mills, do, do,			1.00.
24. John Blain, do, do,			1.00.
25. John Baumgardner, do, do,			1.00.
26. James Forsyth, do, do,			1.00.
27. Charles Melan, East Glamboro, do,			1.00.
28. Wm. Rasberry, do, do,			1.00.
29. Edward Frank, Hamilton, do,			1.00.
30. Rudolph Frank, do, do,			1.00.

And with due respect---

I have &c.

Hon. Minister

H. H. H.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Tuesday 4, December 1877.

Edward Frank; Rudolph Frank; and John Biers, paid me, - Went up to the Heights - \$4 & 05: 1.50

Wednesday, 5. December 1877. -

On M. bay. - Thence to the Heights - Tom Birch complained to me of Sam. Smoak, and Gabriel Hopkins being out on Tuesday night in M. bay - spearing. Stating they had no license - all the persons named in letter of 6<sup>th</sup> instant, cheque \$205 - paid me, and went spearing - also H. and W. Stock. Heard that Dan. Young was out spearing. - David Ashbaugh - reported to me for spearing on Monday night, went out at 4. p.m. came in at 11. p.m. - Miles 16, - \$4 & 05: 1.50.

and Fred. H. with me



5. December 1877,

I have the honor to send you herewith, the sum of Seven dollars, as per cheque No: 205.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for spearing licenses in Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh, for the season of 1877, and 8. - as follows: - - -

31. Wm Bottrell, Ancaster,	Amount,	\$ 1.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
32. John Bottrell, do,	do	1.00,
33. Wm Ashbaugh, do,	do. -	1.00,
34. George Skuse, Hamilton	do, -	1.00,
35. Shipman Cummings. - W. Glanville, -		1.00,
36. - Mr. Bone	E. Glanville,	1.00,
37. - Charles Shars, -	do -	1.00,

Yours with due respect

J. H. Ave. '77

Hon: Minister.

John W. K.

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 1877. -

Attended at the Police Court, Samuel Swank, and Gabriel Hopkins, being summoned up before James Cahill Esq<sup>r</sup> J. P. - they admitted having speared sterring without a license, - and they were each fined 2, dollars, and \$ 3.50  $\frac{1}{4}$  Costs: - which they paid. - Also went to the Heights and got from Frederick Morrison, one dollar, for David Bickle, and one dollar, for John Lyons - no person out spearing at the Heights. - Good New with me. -

Went out at 4 p.m. came in at 10. p.m. Miles 12. - \$4 B - 1.50. -

Saturday 8. December 1877. -

At Thompsons Boat House - went out at 2. p.m. came in at 7. p.m. - Good New with me. Miles 8. \$4 B. 1.50.

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14. Dec: 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank  
cheque No: 245, for the sum of Ten Dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as  
License for spearing in B. bay, and Tawas all over <sup>in 1877</sup> Dec 1  
38. Christopher Case - Hamilton. amount - \$1.00  
40. George Campbell, East Glambro, do. - 1.00.  
41. Luke Mullock Jr, do. - 1.00.  
43. David Bickel, Tawas, do. - 1.00.  
44. John Lyons, T. West do. - 1.00.

And for Boat License to Francis Portwine,  
to fish in Lake Ontario, at Lakes Gully, in front  
of the Township of Scarborough. for current year, 5.00  
Total \$ 10.00

And with due respect  
I have the honor to be,  
Yours, &c.

John W. Kerr  
P.O.

+ Sunday, 9. December 1877. --

On B. bay, trapped all around the wharfs, stopped out  
to Rock Bay and Willow point, then on to the Alexander's Canal  
found nothing. Ed. Kerr and Lake Thompson came with me went  
out at 4.30. p.m. came in at 11.30. p.m. Miles 16. - \$4 B. - 9.50

+ Monday 10. December 1877. --

On the Heights, and at the depot, application made for a  
license for Charles Collins - of Tawas, - went up and found  
George Campbell and Luke Mullock Jr. spearing - the  
latter paid me, Campbell - said he would leave a off. for me  
with Fred Morrison - went out at 4.30. p.m. came  
in at 10. p.m. - Miles 10. \$4 B. 1.50 Charles J. Kerr  
with me. --

+ Tuesday 11. Dec: 1877.

At Jordan Clinton, and Grimsby - getting up my  
return, went out at 8. a.m. came in 9.30. p.m.  
went to the Height - Railway fare 1.40, dinner 50¢  
\$4 B. 1.50 - Miles 60 - \$4 B. on the Height 1.50.  
Charles J. Kerr with me on the Height



Thursday, 13. Dec: 1877.

at Toronto, and Leslieville getting up my return, it was so stormy, I could not cross to the Island - went out at 6. A.M., came in at 7. P.M., Rail - way fare \$2.00, dinner 25, St. B. 1.50 - 41 - Saw Len: Marsh - &c. - - - 92 mile

Sat.

24. Dec: 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque No: 302, for the sum of eight dol-  
lars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: -

1. For Boat License to Alex: Rolfe, to fish in, Lake Ontario, off Burlington Beach for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1877. - \$6.00

39. Mr Daniel Young, B. Straights, \$1.00.

42. " Charles Collins, - Dundas. - \$1.00.

Total \$8.00

\* These two dollars are for appearing licenses in the Dundas place and 15 bay, for Pass, fish, &c. between 1<sup>st</sup> of January, and 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1878. -

And with due respect

I Have &c

Wm: H. H. H.

Wm: H. H. H.  
\$0.00 -

Postmaster's Office,

Hamilton, 19. Dec. 1877.

I am not in receipt of a letter from the  
Department of Fisheries Ottawa; of which the enclosed  
is a true copy. -- Will you be pleased to give your  
reply accordingly. --

I have you anything new to report to me.  
Wishing you and yours, many happy returns  
of the approaching festival, (Xmas,) which still an-  
nually proclaims peace, and good will; from the  
Almighty, to all mankind. --

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

John Wilson

P.O.

Hamilton Division.

John Wilson Esq.

P.O. Orangeville. --

Car. L. Wilson Esq.

P.O.

Orangeville.

Sunday, 16. December 1877.

On B. beach - to prevent fishing on Sunday, went out  
at 9. a. m., came in at 5. p. m. \$44 B - 2.00. Charles John  
Kerr with me - Miles about 20. --

Tuesday 18. December 1877. --

At Toronto, and Leslieville getting up my returns - saw  
Sen. Marsh, John Holland &c. went out at 8. a. m. came  
in at 5.30, p. m. Miles 94. Ry fare #2, \$44 B, 2.00, dinner  
40. --

Thursday 20. December 1877. --

On B. beach, from a 2. m. sail, came in at 9. a. m.  
came in at 4. p. m. Miles 20. \$44 B, 1.50. --

Wednesday, 26. Dec. 1878.

At Toronto getting up my returns. Thence to Whit-  
by, and back to Toronto Island. -- went out at 8.  
a. m. came in at 6. p. m. - Miles 108. Ry fare 3.00  
\$44 B. 2.00. - dinner, tea & bed 7<sup>5</sup>. Boat 7<sup>5</sup>. -- \$6.50.

Thursday, 27, Dec: 1877. --

At Toronto Island, getting up my returns - drove to John Gussells - and the Fish Market - and over to the Station - paid 48. Railway fare \$1.00, Breakfast 25, dinner 40, Boat \$1. --

Friday, 28, December 1877. --

At St. Catharines, getting up my returns - drove out at 9 a.m. came in at 1.30 p.m. Miles 14, \$4 & Bs. 1.50, dinner for Charles and self 50¢

January, 4<sup>th</sup> 1878. Friday. --

On B. beach getting up my returns. -- went out at 9 a.m. came in at 6 p.m. Miles 24. \$4 & Bs. 2.00, dinner for Charles J. and self. --

Saturday, 5, January 1878. --

At Bronte, and Oakville. getting up my returns. -- went out at 5 p.m. Miles 40, Railway fare 1.00, Horse and buggy \$1.00 dinner and breakfast 75¢

Thursday 10, January 1878. --

at St. Catharines Port Walhouse, and Niagara. getting up my Annual returns, went out at 8 a.m. came in 5.30 p.m. Miles 58, - Railway fare \$1, \$4 & Bs 1.00, dinner, tea and bed 75¢ Stage 50, -- 15.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1878. --

at Niagara, Queenston, Suspension Bridge and Fort Erie - getting up Annual Returns back to Niagara again by Queenston and River Road, -- went out at 9 a.m. came in at 11 a.m. Miles 66, - Ry fare \$2.00, breakfast dinner, tea and bed \$1.00 - \$4 & Bs 1.50. --

Saturday, 12, January 1878. --

at Niagara, and Hamilton, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 4.30 p.m. Miles about 40, Stage fare 50¢ dinner 40, Breakfast 25¢ Omnibus 40, \$4 & Bs \$1.50, Total \$3.15



I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of \$160, which I require to pay up the Guardians engaged to protect the spawning salmon last October and November; and which I have much pleasure in recommending to your consideration for immediate settlement. -- The duty was well and faithfully performed.

21. Oct. to 13 Nov.

1. Mr John Gordon to Staffin's Creek during a portion of October and November last. --	44.00
2. Mr Robert Gordon, do do do, 36.00,	
3. Mr Geo. Stelfox Lyons Creek, do do, 20.00,	
4. Mr Henry Moon, The Range, do do, 40.00,	
5. Mr Octavius Hicks - The Harbor, for the years 1876 and 1877. --	20.00
Total	\$160.00.

And with due respect

Yours all united  
H. H. H.

I have to  
acknowledge  
Yours  
H. H.

Hamilton, Onto.

12. January 1878. --

My dear Sir, --  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of \$160, which I require to pay up the Guardians engaged to protect the spawning salmon last October and November; and which I have much pleasure in recommending to your consideration for immediate settlement. -- The duty was well and faithfully performed.

You owe all your rent for the lake fishing at No beach, for last year. --

And you owe for your boat & for catering fees for last year; and you have commenced fishing this year, and now it is about paying for the same.

You must attend to all this at once, or abide the consequences of the Law. -- As I have no alternative left me, but what is so clearly defined for my guidance in the Fisheries Act. --

Please let me see you here at once after the receipt of this letter. --

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Thomas Joyce,  
Green man,  
Bronte, Onto.

Yours faithfully,  
John H. H.

My dear Sir,

I have to inform you, that unless you pay up your license fees, (ten dollars,) for the past two years of 1876, and 1877, now past due, I will be obliged to stop your name from being on the list.

You must also in future pay in advance for your license for this current year, or stop fishing altogether, for as long as you are in without a license from the Department of Fisheries Ottawa, so sure are they to find and make nets taken.

Then as regards your Annual returns, you don't seem, as if they were worth your notice, but I may tell you, that the Fisheries Department, at Ottawa, will insist on getting these returns annually.

And the non-compliance with the law, will end all fishing on the part of fishermen, who treat the same so indifferently.

I want your money, and returns immediately or hang up your name.

Wm Wm, Esq.,  
Fisherman.  
Bk. Ontario.

John W. Kerr  
D.O.,  
Hamilton, Onto  
12, January 1878.

Hamilton -

My dear Sir,

I was at your house, on last Thursday, for your returns, and give you back because money, for last year's license. You were out on the lake fishing up. I then said and agreed I would see you in St. Catharines at least today but on arriving there your friend, James, told me you had left. Now then, unless you pay up at once, for last year's license, I will have to put the law in force and stop your fishing. Now, don't send me a return of all the fish you caught at once.

I got for you a license from the Department - last year, in the face of great opposition used against you, and still you seem passive in complying with the law.

Mr. Peter Smith,  
Fisherman,  
St. Catharines.

John W. Kerr  
D.O.,  
12, January 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton

When I last called upon you at the Bend, for the Annual Returns, you referred me to your son Wm who referred me to Mrs. Wolfe, who, as a matter of fact, just felt as indifferent about it, as you are your son did. -

Now then, I must upon you promise me at once, with a true and correct return of all the different kind of fish caught by you during the last year. - - -

In order that matters may go on right during the year, from the commencement of the year, I want your license fee for the year on receipt so that I may not be again reprimanded, as I was last year, by the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. - For allowing your Great One-horse gill nets being fished for months without the license fees being paid. - - -

Now I shall take precious good care that all the people must not only have their help in the fisheries for Ontario then is just paid. - -

What do you think of Andy Port applying for a license to fish in Lake Ontario. -

With kind regards to Mr. Wood, -  
Mr. David Wood.

Fisherman

The Island

Oroto. Onto.

John W. Kerr

12, January 1878. -

Sir,

14, January 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for blank quarterly forms of Diary. so as to enable me to make out and send in my accounts ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December last

I also require 100 copies blank voucher forms, - and  
With due respect, I have &c.

John W. Kerr  
D.C.

Hon. Minister

Ottawa.



"Confidential"

My dear Mr. Young, -

Will you kindly take down for me all the names of those persons whom you may find catching Minnows for bait fishing, during the next fourteen days with day and date and note the part of the River on the Canadian side where the offence was committed.

The Young Thomas boys it appears fish a small Seine and catch herring which they sell, please walk down as far as their sport store some night or morning and ascertain for me all the names of those boys or other persons who fish the Seine. -

Do all this as privately as possible not letting the persons offending know what you are about. -

I saw Mr. Hall the Resident Magistrate on my way from Port Line on last Friday - and was advised at the conclusion we must stop all this. -

I will make it worth your attention, and pay you well for your services. -

With my kind regards and wishing you the compliments of the season, believe me, Yours

Wm. Young Esq.  
Chief of Police

Very sincerely

Wm. Young Esq.  
Hamilton, Ont.  
14. Jan. 1878.

Thursday 17. Jan. 1878. -

at the Heights - head of York House been broken open and spears being stolen. - went out at 9 a.m. came in at 12. Noon. Miles 10. all right - \$4 and 71 4  
\$5.1.50.

Sir.

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to fish your pound nets in Lake Erie, between Point Abino, and Windmill Point, in the Township of Bertie and County of Holland. ---

This license is for Mr. Solomon Kries of Huron Erie County, Ohio; and a Mr. Burns of Bertie, who have made to me this application. --- The rate they propose to pay for each pound net, is \$40. per year. ---

But I consider it well worth \$50. or \$60. for each pound per year, being so convenient to the good market of Buffalo, say about 2 hours distance in any weather. This is the only place where this kind of net fishing can be carried on to advantage in my division now! of Lake Erie. ---

The money will be all paid down before the fishing is commenced; before in fact the piles or poles are driven for the pots. ---

I hope this application will meet your favorable consideration, and I have much pleasure in recommending the same for your approval. ---

And with due respect,

Hon. Minister,  
Y. Y. Y.  
Ottawa.

I Have &c  
John W. Kerr  
D.O.

Monday 28. Jan: 1878. ---

On M. Day, and the Straights went out at 7 a.m. came in at 4 p.m. - Miles 16. S44 B. ---

19 January 1878. -

Amount due to you for the month of January 1878, as follows:			
1.	For wages		123.27
2.	" " "		3.54
3.	" " "		2.07
4.	" " "		2.50
5.	" " "		5.00
6.	" " "		3.00
7.	" " "		24.00
8.	" " "		5.70
9.	" " "		12.00
Total			178.93

This amount is \$178.93 of a decrease, as compared with the corresponding month of previous year.

You will please observe that I handled 1827 bills, during this month, and I was so much engaged. I am still using the best of my power to keep down expenses.

And with due respect,

I remain,

Respectfully,

Ed. H. H. H.

Stationery 35<sup>4</sup> 25<sup>4</sup>

Stationery 35<sup>4</sup> 25<sup>4</sup>

Wednesday, 30. Jan. 1878.

On B. beach. Ed. H. H. with me. - getting names of persons speaking

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1878. -

On Sands Bay. getting names of persons speaking

Not office order



My dear Mr. Story

Will you be pleased to find herewith,  
Post Office Order, for the sum of Forty dollars, to pay you for  
services rendered last October, and November, in guarding  
and protecting Salmon, in the big and little creeks. -

And with my sincere regards,

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr Esq. Overseer,

Hamilton, Onto.

28. January 1878.

Mr Harry Moon,  
St. Guardian,  
Port Union, P. Office,  
Onto.

My dear Mr. Story

Will you be pleased to find here-  
with, Post Office Order, for the sum of Twenty dollars, to  
pay you for services rendered last October and Novem-  
ber, in protecting Salmon &c, in Lyons Creek, -

And with kind regards.

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr

Stirling Overseer,

Hamilton, Onto.

28. January 1878.

James Story Esq.  
St. Guardian,  
Whitby, P. Office,

Hamilton, Onto.

28. January 1878. -

My dear Mr. Gordon.

Will you be pleased to find herewith,  
a Post Office Order in your favour for forty four dollars,  
to pay you for your services as Guardian during October  
and November last. -

Also a Post Office Order, in favour of your son  
Robert Gordon for the sum of thirty five dollars, to pay  
him as your Assistant last October and November in  
protecting the parent Salmon while spawning in Duffin  
Creek. - I may mention for your satisfaction that in  
my Annual Report, to the Fisheries Department, I said  
I had reason to be proud for the faithful manner  
in which you done your duty.

Yrs sincerely,

John W. Kerr  
St. Overseer

John Gordon Esq.  
Duffin Creek,

1<sup>st</sup> February 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for Fifty  
blank spearing licenses, for immediate issue for  
B. bay, and Dundas Marsh. —

I Have &amp;c.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister,  
H. H. H.  
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr.  
O. C.

My dear Sir,

1<sup>st</sup> Feb: 1878.

Yours received, wishing to know the  
amount of License fee for fishing Salmon trout, and White fish  
gill nets in Lake Ontario, between Leslieville and Ashawa.

In reply, I beg to inform you, that the rent will be \$20,  
to be paid before fishing commences. — The gill nets, to be  
five inches, and upwards, extension or casing, but nothing  
under. —

You can also fish during still nets. —

You can have a license to fish at Leslieville, &  
Union. I understand that you will have as many  
chose any of those places, but I cannot allow you  
to run all over the Lake Ontario within the limits set  
down. —

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr.  
O. C.

P.S. — Don't sell for 7- per pound in Toronto, to which  
D. L. — who charges his customers 10 and 12 c/ per pound,  
until Collingwood fish begin to come in, —

J. W. Kerr  
O. C.

My dear Sir:

1st January 1878,

I am in receipt of yours of 31st ult., telling me that people are quarrying, and taking stone from the bed of the River Credit, near the Indian Village, -

Taking stone therefrom does not come under your jurisdiction, nor mine. - We, merely as Overseers, protect the fishes therein. - If you could <sup>prove that</sup> these people damaged or injured a salmon bed in doing so, they could be fined. -

If the place is owned by either Messrs Capreol or Sprague they can punish them for malicious trespass. -

You might write them on the subject.

Jas G. Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>

Yr - &c

John W. Kerr

D. O.

"private"

My dear Sir:

On receipt, will you be pleased to send me at once your license money for this current year. Commencing on 1st day of January 1878. -

Mr Thomas Hewbigging of Victoria has complained to me about you, in behalf of Mrs Sherman, and Mrs Wardgett for cutting away the ice off the fishing grounds opposite their lots, the water being included in their deed, from Mr Jarvis of Toronto who holds a deed (see B) says, or patent from the Crown of the whole of the water lot in front of the Town of Victoria, extending five chains into the River. -

Please let me know immediately, if Mr Hewbigging is the Custom House Officer -

Don't take any notice of these people in the mean time, your license from the Fisheries department will protect you. -

Let me hear from you at once

Mr John Everett

Fisherman

Victoria - Fort Erie

P. O.

Yr sincere

John W. Kerr

D. O.

6. Feb 1878,





Dear Sir,

Leopold

Victoria, 4. February 1878.

I am instructed by Mrs. Sherman, and Mrs. Wardgett, of this place to draw your attention to a grievance which if persisted in will lead to trouble.

The fishing grounds in the Illinois River opposite the town of Levee are being encroached upon by the Illinois Land & Water Co. who have obtained a patent from the Government of the United States for the water lot in front of the town of Levee extending from the river bank back to the town line containing no reservation of fishing privileges. The removal of the ice is a serious loss and damage to the parties above named as they depend on it to store for their business supply and as they are aware the proposition that the town of that portion has not been bought under your notice by the United States at Levee or it would not have been included in the same grant. It is now in the hands of the Illinois Land & Water Co. and has it returned at once as if the ice is not allowed to form now the seasons supply will be lost. An early reply will oblige.

Yr. Serv.

Yours Respectfully,

Thos. H. Huggins

An authorized copy of the deed from the town to Levee is in my possession.

Levee - Fort Hill Post Office.

My dear Sir,

I am writing you an application for a license to fish in your river in the town of Levee. I am at this point, I am going to the river, and I get much pleasure in recommending to the State, Minister of Fisheries. (I am, might be asked to you for the next year.) The Minister of Fisheries - I am in the river - that the Minister does not think it desirable to issue these licenses for the purpose of being used by you - signers.

All Solomon Hugs.

St. Louis, Missouri.

Ohio, U.S.A.

Yr. Serv.

Thos. H. Huggins

P.O.

Thursday, 14. Feb: 1878.

On M. Bay and Beach. Is looking by some license  
Geo. - 574 letters, 1.50. others

To, The Fishery Overseers,  
in the Muskoka, and Parry  
Sound Settlement. - - - Greeting..

The Messrs  
Wm. Raspberry - and John K. Hopkins, are and have been  
licensed fishermen on Burlington Bay, for several years past.

They are desirous of breaking new ground, for a short  
time, and are going up to Muskoka, and Parry Sound  
Settlements to spear in season according to law. - -

And if by the Regulations of the Department, Spearfishing  
is permitted in your Division, Will you be pleased to  
give them a License to spear, such License as by Law  
is permitted to be made at this season of the year, for  
the usual price of \$1. each - And so on. -

Hamilton Ont  
1878. -

Yrs Respectfully -  
John K. Hopkins  
Fishery Overseer,  
Hamilton Ont

Hamilton, Ont 22 February 1878. -

My dear Sir: -

Please take notice, that complaint  
has been made to me, against you, and your men, for  
maliciously cutting down and carrying away from the  
Fishery reserve point, running south east from Mar-  
tins wharf into B. bay, a quantity of willows, poplar,  
timber &c. contrary to law. - - -

You, nor no other person have any right, nor au-  
thority from the G. Department, to commit depredations of  
this kind. - - I warn you not to repeat it. -

I must refer it to the proper authorities -

Yrs Truly

Wm. Raspberry  
Fisherman B. Sound.

John K. Hopkins  
Overser.

Saturday, 16, Feb: 1878. -

+ On B. bay, and Beach. Collecting License  
Fees - \$4 & Cents - 1.50 - Miles 24 - 11.00 and 11.00  
Large, and of value of to me by S. P. Hips and Thomas Jones  
for having fish in the lake. - -

Monday 18, Feb: 1878.

+ On B. bay, Collecting Spearfishing Licenses fees,  
\$4 & Cents 1.50, Miles 18. -



Sir,

6. Feb. 1890.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a letter I have received from the Hon. J. H. Thompson, Minister of Fisheries, Victoria, which is on the base side of the Stagnant River near the International Highway Bridge, in the Township of Tette; "Complaining of some Indian fishermen on the bank of the Stagnant River, and Mr. McDougall of Victoria" for the very trifling matter of cutting away a little tree, near the edge of the rapid Stagnant River out of his way, when he is hauling on his Stagnant River fishing. . . .

To take this letter as a whole it would it just might appear to be a big offence when in reality I don't view it as an offence at all. . . .

The fishing being carried on under the provisions of the Fisheries Act before Victoria got into existence. . . .

Between the lots (village lots) on which these women reside; "I believe they have husbands" and the Stagnant River the public beach Road is situated, and between the houses in which the women live, and this Road, there is a plank foot walk. . . . This public Road, from the Johnson Road at Fort Erie, to the Village of Chippewa, a distance of about 10 miles, along the Stagnant River bank on which this Road is built, there is no fence between this Road and the River, not a particle of any kind. . . .

This Road too is very narrow, scarce forty feet in some places, altho according to a statement made to me some years ago, by the late Colonel Coffin, of a former Road two chains wide was reserved by the old Government of Canada along the bank of the Stagnant River which I believe has never been altered by any Act of Parliament to this day. . . .

Even! to suppose, Mr. Jarvis secured a deed of patent for five chains of the River Stagnant, in front of the lots alluded to, the public Road intervening, similar perhaps to Land Owners at Sanwich on the St. Lawrence; that does not give these women nor Mr. Jarvis control of the fishing fisheries, so as to debar the Indians from cutting away a few feet of the forest only, at the edge of this rapid stream, and so enable him to haul in his line on the beach by the side of this public Road. . . .

I hope you will be pleased to give this case your immediate consideration and afford these people of your decision through me. . . .

The foregoing being the facts of the case. . . .

And with due respect,

W. G. Whitlock Esq.

Comr of Fisheries

G. H. Hume

I have the

honor to

acknowledge

your letter

Hamilton, Onto, 9 Feb: 1878. -

I duly received your letter, dated Victoria, 4<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject matter therein com-  
plained of; And in reply have to inform you, that I  
said the same before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Minister of Marine  
Fisheries - Ottawa. -

On hearing from you, I will send you a  
Copy of his decision thereon. -

Thomas Hurlingham Esq.

J. P. H. Esq.  
Port Erie, Onto

Yours respectfully,  
John W. Kerr  
Fishery Overseer,  
Hamilton Division.

My dear Peter,

I duly received your letters (2.)  
and the five dollars. - If, as you desire to fish in  
this inclement weather in Lake Ontario, for Ciscoes and  
Salmon Trout, in deep water; you may fish, and  
after a little, when you receive a regular li-  
cense, you can pay for 1878. -  
With kind regards. -

Mr Peter Bath,  
Fisherman,  
Port Dalhousie;

Yrs Truly,  
John W. Kerr  
Fishery Overseer,  
Hamilton, Onto.

9<sup>th</sup> Feb 1878. -

Postages 25.

My dear Sir,

On receipt, will you be pleased  
to send me \$30, and I will recommend that your  
license may be granted to you for this current  
year at that amount. However, keep this to  
yourself,

Mr John Everett  
Fisherman,  
Port Erie, Onto

Yrs Truly,  
John W. Kerr

J. O. -  
13 Feb 1878.

Tuesday, 19 Feb: 1878. -

On 13 day, collecting spearing license fees. -  
went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m.  
collected 30. 144 Cutler 2. 50

Sir,

12. February 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank Cheque No. 563, for the sum of Seventeen dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount towards Special Licenses in N. Bay and Sandwich Marsh, from 1<sup>st</sup> of January, to the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1878, as follows: --

68. Robert Scott, Hamilton, Amount		\$ 1.00.
70. Wm. Gages, Barton, do		1.00.
71. Wm. Jones, Hamilton, do		1.00.
72. Wm. Bates, Battelock, do		1.00.
73. John Bates, do, do		1.00.
74. Wm. J. Waterbury, Battelock, do		1.00.
75. Joseph Gates, Hamilton, do		1.00.
76. Charles Capps, Hamilton, do		1.00.
77. Thos. S. Macaskay, Hamilton, do		1.00.
78. Thos. Kelly, do, do		1.00.
79. Wm. Garry, do, do		1.00.
80. James Garry, do, do		1.00.
81. Henry Joslin, do, do		1.00.
82. Charles Smith (2), Hamilton, do		1.00.
Mr. John Wadsworth, License fee, for fishing lot,		
No. 17, Niagara River at Queenston; for year 1877. 3.00.		
		Total \$17.00

With due respect,

I Have &amp;c.

John Wadsworth,  
H. H. H.

John Wadsworth  
J. W.

My dear Sirs, --

Will you be so good to send me on receipt your License fee of fishing grounds at Fort Erie, in the Niagara River, and I will apply immediately, and get your License for you for the current year.

Yours faithfully  
John & Charles A. Harris  
Fishermen

Respectfully  
John Wadsworth  
J. W.

13. Feb. 1878.



20.

19. Feb. 1878.

I have the honor to send you Bank cheque  
\$12.00, for Twelve dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount  
as follows: for spearing in M. bay and Dundas  
Marsh, under license, between 1<sup>st</sup> day of January,  
and 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1878. -

85. James Little. Valley View	Amount. \$1.00
86. Charles Chisholm. East Silo	" " 1.00.
87. Watson Chisholm. do.	" " 1.00.
88. Marney Rouse. do.	" " 1.00.
89. Thos. Greenway. Hamilton, -	" " 1.00.
90. - Hector Secord. do.	" " 1.00.
91. Dan <sup>e</sup> Gripps. - do -	" " 1.00.
92. Sam <sup>e</sup> Steward. do.	" " 1.00.
93. Denis Kelly. do.	" " 1.00.
94. Thos. Jones. Sattfleat, -	" " 1.00.
95. Austin Boote. Dundas. -	" " 1.00.
96. Andrew Turnbull. do.	" " 1.00.
Total \$12.00.	

With due respect,

Hon Ministers,

Y. Y. Y.

I have, &c.

John W. B. Co.  
D.O.

Wednesday, 20. February 1878. -

At Toronto, Leslieville, and Toronto Island: - saw  
Geo. Marsh, Patrick Gray and John Mollard - was at  
Lings shanty - but saw no person there, found that  
+ David Ward, and George and Charles Loring - were fishing  
for - and catching Salmon Trout, went out at 8.30 a.m.  
came in at 3 p.m. - Miles 88. Ry fare \$1.00, dinner,  
tea and bed 75. - Horse and Cutter 2.00.

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 1878. -

At Toronto, Toronto Island, and Hamilton, - went out  
+ at 7.30 a.m. came in at 1 p.m. - Miles 88. Ry  
fare \$1.00, Breakfast and dinner 75

Postage 50

My dear Sir,

I am just informed that you, Mr. Albert, and John Henry Wright, fishermen, are at present engaged fishing Brant gill nets and cutting Brant in Lake Ontario, in front of Frenchman's Bay. --

I will thank you to send me on receipt ten dollars licence fee for this current year; and give dollars still remaining due you last year; I hope you will do this at once. Otherwise I must come down, and enforce the law.

Yrs Truly,

Mr Thomas Mansfield, --

Frenchman's Bay.

Frenchman's Bay.

John W. Reid

S.O.

21. February 1878. --

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to get from George Smith, and his brother, who bought out John Charles's fishing nets, boats &c, are now fishing on their own hook: Twenty dollars fishing licence fee for this year.

Will them I must have it, at once; and it should be paid before they commenced fishing for Salmon. That no person can fish without a licence; and with kind regards to Mrs. Doyle and family.

Michael Doyle Esq

Fish dealer. --

Toronto, Ont.

Yrs Truly,

John W. Reid

Fishing Currier.

23<sup>rd</sup> February 1878. --

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 1878.

At Port Credit, saw Jas. Wilson, Mr. Reid and Mr. + Father Thomas Shale. About fishing this season went out at 6 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. Miles 60, \$4 B \$1.50. dinner and breakfast 50. By fare \$2.00 +

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1878. --

On B. Bay, collected licence fees, came in at 9 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. Miles 24, \$4 B \$1.50. dinner for two 75¢

Sir,

6. March 1878. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank  
Cheque No. 671. for thirty dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount  
for license in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, to the John  
Everett, to Seine fish there.

Please send me license for delivery, to be  
same as last season. - -

And with due respect

Hon. Minister,

H. C. F.

D. O.

Ottawa.

D. O.

8. March 1878.

Sir,

With reference to the permission granted  
annually to farmers to fish in the River Credit, every  
spring - "free of license fee" - for suckers and mullets,  
for their own use. -

I believe, and I have heard from licensed  
fishermen, that the farmers who have enjoyed this priv-  
ilege have sold wagon loads of these fish every  
spring, thereby injuring our licensed fishermen in  
this market. -

There is then a more important reason, that these  
farmers should be under strict license surveillance;  
salmon heretofore frequented the River Credit every  
spring, and I have recently heard a pair of these  
fish have commenced to run again. - and in  
order to protect them. I recommend a small li-  
cense of your dollars being fixed by you on  
farmers, - who fish for Catfish, suckers, &c. for  
selling - and while they are so doing, are en-  
gaged, that they be bound to liberate all sal-  
mon caught by them.

Mr. Jas. L. Wilcox - the Guardian of this River,  
at Pt. Credit, is very ill, with rheumatism, until  
he recovers I shall as usual keep a careful  
eye over this River. -

and with due respect

Hon. Minister,

I Have &amp;c

H. C. F.

Ottawa.

John Wilcox  
D. O.



Sir,

8. March 1876. -

I have the honor to report, that the barn, outhouse, horses, cows, wheat, oats, corn, hay, and straw, the property of Mr. John Bates of Suffield, at the very lower end of Burlington Bay, adjoining Burlington Beach - Township of North-  
 York, was maliciously set fire to, last fall, and entirely consumed by fire - to the extent of about \$5000 worth of loss, with no insurance thereon. - - -

Mr. Bates is one of the farmers whose pike gill net license was cancelled last year; and under the above circumstances so serious and unfortunate to him - I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant him a pike gill net, and boat license, same as B. beach fisherman. - - -

I am enabled to do this the more easily, as only ten of the twelve fishermen I have already applied for will fish. - With much respect,

H. W. K.

Hon. Minister,

Edw. W. K.

O. C.

P.S. Mr. Bates by having this privilege granted him, will use up his old gill nets this year. -

S. W. K.

O. C.

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 1878. - - -

At the Heights, - the Plains, B. beach, and home. -  
 gave permission to the fishermen to set out their pike gill nets in that part of B. bay east of a line run from Harvey and Grant's farm. to Martins wharf B. beach - and to keep all nets out of the Embos, and outside of the head lands - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5, p. m. Miles 32, H and buggy \$2.00 & dinner 50c  
 Tolls 8¢ -

Sir,

6. March 1878.

I have the honor to reply to you for (12.) twelve pike gill net, and boat license (blank,) for to fish in that part of B. bay lying east, and south of a line drawn from the fence between Starvey and from to farm in Barton and Martin's wharf on B. beach.

This fishing will be carried on exclusively by the licensed fishermen of B. beach alone, and as the ice on the bay has commenced to break up, warm mild weather setting in, I beg most respectfully to recommend that those licensed fishermen may be permitted by you to commence fishing at once. - as pike will command a good price. - - -

No pike gill nets will be set nor allowed in the Inlets nor inside of the head lands of the same. - And with due respect,

I remain &c.  
John W. Sears  
D.O.

Yours obediently  
H. H. H.

Attorney

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter and in reply have to inform you that I want from you one dollar - five dollars for last year, and five dollars for this year - for fishing boat and trout fish gill nets. I must have this money at once. - at is the best I can do. No person is allowed to fish unless he pays a license fee.

Yours truly  
John W. Sears

Attorney

D.O.  
6. March 1878.

My dear Sir,

I duly received your letter but had no gill nets of the kind you asked me for. —

I will be in St. Catharines by the first train next Tuesday morning, and I will be glad to see you at Station. Please meet me there, as I wish to see you. — With kind regards.

Mr Peter Math,  
Fisherman,  
St. Catharines.

Yours sincerely,  
J. W. L. S.  
P.O.  
St. Catharines: 1878.

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, applying for a license to fish in the 20 mile pond. — The license fee will be \$5 to you. — You can begin to fish when you receive this, but please send me the money at once, and I will apply then for the license. — you can also fish in the Red Creek on the same terms as last year, don't fail in sending me the money at once. — With kind regards.

Abner Lobb, Esq.  
Fisherman  
20. Mile Creek.  
Jordan P. Office.

Yours sincerely,  
John W. L. S.  
P.O.  
1<sup>st</sup> March 1878.

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant. —

You can have a license on the same terms as last year. — Please let me have five dollars by return of mail, and I will apply at once and get a license for you immediately. — If you happen to find any gill nets in the Range please seize them for me. — And upon no account are you to allow any Blacks, to trespass on your fishing. With my kind regards. —

Wm Cowan Esq  
St. Catharines.

Yours sincerely,  
John W. L. S.  
P.O.  
8. March 1878.



My dear Sir,

On receipt, will you be please  
to send me your licence for 1878, for this current  
year, and 1879.

Yours faithfully,  
John H. H. H.

Mr John H. H. H.  
100 St. John's St.

11. March 1878.

My dear Sir,

Although you promised, when I  
was at Oakville, and Toronto, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
January last, to send me five dollars, License fee  
for last year, still here it is now the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of March and I have not received it.

Please on receipt let me have \$10.  
of last year, and this year, - and I will send  
you a good license.

Yours faithfully,  
James  
and Richard Jones.  
100 St. John's St.  
Toronto.

Yours faithfully,  
John H. H. H.  
11. March 1878.

11. March 1878.

Monday. 11. March 1878. —

On B. beach - getting names of persons who are  
to fish pike gill nets, - saw John Bates, - who told pike  
gill nets were robbed on Monday morning - thence through  
Waukegan - place - found all regular; - Heard from  
my net - that Ben: Folds wife brought home by  
way of the plains on Friday last, two boxes of  
gill nets supposed to be got at Herderson's  
Brother's place. - I shall keep an eye on Ben: &  
his crew. - Went out at 8. a.m. came in at 5.30. p.m.  
Miles 24. At B. - 2.00. dinner for two, - 50. -

Tuesday - 12. March 1878. —

At St. Catharines. Ten Mile Creek, saw Thomas Reid, -  
and Lewis Bely - see my report of 13<sup>th</sup> instant - thence  
on to Niagara - all well - got 3 dollars from Thos:  
Reid - 3 from John Alford. Elliott & Co. gave dollars  
from Longhurst - went out at 8. a.m. came in  
at 3. p.m. - miles about 52. At B. \$2.00  
By fare \$1. dinner, tea and bed 75. -

Set.

5, March 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith, bank cheque No. 710, for the sum of Eight Dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; on account of license to fish during this season;

1. Messrs Thomas Elliot, Thomas Elliot and John Axford of Niagara. "A seine hauling license to fish in that part of the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario, extending from the Lock House, at Niagara, to the west side of the one mile beach, in Lake Ontario, a distance of about one and one half miles, in part of the Town of Niagara, Co. County of Lincoln, and Province of Ontario, extending to the end of the said beach and lake to the Canada line, at \$20. per. now sent you herewith, on a/c't \$3.00.

2. Thomas Reid - Grantham - A license to fish in Lake Ontario, in part of lot 10, in the 1st Concession of Grantham containing 20 chains of Lake frontage, 3.00.

3. Messrs James Loughurst and James Robinson, license to fish 100 yards seine in Niagara Riv. - same as last year, \$15. sent now on a/c't 5.00.

4. Mr Joseph Black, The Rouge Hill - Pickering, for seine hauling license, at Frenchmans Bay, in Lake Ontario, same as last year - on a/c't 5.00.

And with due respect

Yours truly

I have &c.

John Axford

D.O.

Wednesday 13, March 1878. —

At Niagara, Leeston, S. Bridge and home - went out at 9.20 a.m. came in at 3 p.m. - Miles 60. Ref fare \$2.25. - Breakfast 25. —

Friday 15, March 1878. —

At Toronto - Leslieville and all the way to Ashbridge Bay. Thence to Toronto Island. — Pat Gray - paid me \$30. fishing license on the Island - 20 - at the Stumber 10. Saw few Marsh - Geo. and Charles Lang, — Wm. Montgomery, John Fennell - James Steen and Billy Sturdy. — went out at 8. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. - Miles 60. —

Railway fare \$1. — dinner 35¢ Boat \$1. —  
\$1.50 supper and bed 50¢ Total 3.75

FISH SPEARING. — Pike have commenced to run up to their spawning grounds. Large numbers of them are destroyed by spearing, which cannot be too vigorously prosecuted, as the fish in question are almost worthless and have been so numerous in these waters of late years as to have prevented to a considerable extent the increase of better fish. The mud-cats, or "bull-pouts," as they are variously termed, are also very destructive to the spawn of others of the finny tribe, and ought to meet with no quarter.





See

18. March 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for boat licenses for the undermentioned, for this current season.

1. William, Montgomery, Toronto, To be the same as last year. — \$10.00.
2. John (unclear) - Toronto - To be the same as last year. —

And with due respect  
I have the honor

Yours, Wm. M. M.  
Y. Y. Y.

Wm. M. M.  
Y. Y.

Saturday, 16. March 1878. —

At Toronto Island - David Wood - paid me \$40.  
\$20. for the Island fishing - and \$20. for boat license. —  
George Lang paid me \$9. and Rev. Allen \$5. — from  
thence home - went out at 6.30. a.m. came in 2. p.m. —  
dinner 50. Ry fare \$1. Boat hire 75. Purchase 25.

Sunday, 18. March 1878.

On B. beach, collecting pike gill net license - David Fitch,  
paid me \$4, Alex. Kohn, paid me \$4, Rev. Folds - paid  
me \$4. — went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5.30. p.m.  
Miles about 36 - searched for illegal gill nets, \$4 &  
B. 1.50 - dinner for self and Charles John \$50. —

Tuesday, 19. March 1878. —

On B. bay - Ed. and Charles John Star with me  
took up a piece of pike gill net set across the  
upper end of a cove in which barred the fish  
out from spawning ground, went out at 5 p.m.  
came in at 2. a.m. Miles 26. \$4 & B. 1.50 —

Wednesday, 20. March 1878. —

At Fort Erie and Vittoria - saw John and Chester A.  
Harris and John Everitt who were sadly disappointed  
because ordered by the Fisheries Department to stop  
Seine fishing - they pleaded hard to be allowed to  
fish on until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April - "Pickard close sea-  
son" - see my report of 22. March 1878. —  
Railway fare \$1.70. and \$1 - dinner tea and bed 75.  
Ferry and Street Car Railway 20¢ - \$4 & B. 1.50.  
Miles 43.3 - 36 - 82 Miles —

Sir.

22. March 1878. -

With reference to your instruction to me in reply to my communication of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, that the Hon. the Minister proposes in a private view fishery regulating that part of the Niagara River above the falls, to the river, and of the State of New York, are doing away with net fishing of the kind in so far as the Niagara River, from the falls, to the old Fort Erie.

I am very glad to hear of this, and I sincerely hope and I am greatly interested in it. I am sure that the Hon. the Minister of Fort Erie to continue to fish up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April next - "if the season" - As this matter has come so lightening upon them to do so, will alleviate and lighten any feelings hostile to the fisheries department, that is so sure to arise. - and please issue a printed proclamation to the fishermen and the public on the subject. - Mr. W. A. Thompson M. P. - by telegraph to a Buffalo paper on the subject - and before the matter publicly. I recommend you to fix the time when net fishing shall cease - say 15<sup>th</sup> of April next, I have &c

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

S. O.

Thursday 21. March 1878. -

at Niagara, Lewiston, Queenston and Niagara, Joseph Gabriel Jr. paid me \$3.00 of fishing station at Queenston, Jas. Fitzgerald - paid me \$1.00 American money - on acct of seine hauling license. - Railway fare \$0.254 St. Cyprian 1.50, boat 25, Breakfast dinner tea and bed \$1.00, went up the River to the upper speaking ground. - - - - - May 20.

Friday 22. March 1878. -

at Niagara, S. Bridge and Hamilton, went out at 9.30 a.m. came in at 11.30 a.m. - Miles 60 Railway fare 1.70, - Railway fare to S. Bridge from Niagara 50¢ see my reports of this date. - - - - - Breakfast 25¢,

Dear Sir,

22 March 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that in the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., in the Niagara River, at Niagara Falls, a Salmon was captured by the American Fish Commission.

Instead of returning the same back again to the River the fish was sold to the General Commissioning the American Fish Commission.

When I questioned the British Consul at Niagara Falls about the fish he replied that it was a Salmon, the weight of the fish in the pounds.

I am sorry to hear for your information that it is nearly 40 years since a Salmon was taken to this river was caught there. I was also to say, from the report of the British Consul, that another Salmon is recently caught there.

I am sorry to hear that you have taken notice of this affair in the extreme upper waters of Lake Ontario, I hope that the British Consul will be disposed of in the manner herein set forth. I have given the British Consul his answer to the British Consul's letter but I remember when I was told that the fish would be permitted to remain in Albany as a guarantee that all Salmon hereafter taken or caught shall be liberated.

This Salmon was in splendid condition and the British Consul was a chunky - pretty fish.

Very respectfully,  
Yours truly,

C. H. Hume  
Goldthorpe  
F.O.



Sir,

23 March 1878. -

I have the honor to receive a copy of petition sent you by Mr John S. Mackenzie of Hamilton - for Wulfe owner and occupant of lots Nos. 3 and 4, fronting on Burlington Bay, in the Township of Barton, praying that certain waters therein, as shown on plan herewith, may be set apart for natural and artificial propagation of fish, and which was sent me by you to report upon. -

I may here state for your information that on conversing with Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Wulfe today about the matter they desired to amend the petition, by adding thereto lot No. 2, and a portion of lot No. 1, as per plan herewith, now sent for your information, and of which Wulfe holds a lease from the Crown Land Department of Ontario, Toronto. -

Copy of Lease - herewith, sent for your information and No. 1. - -

Mr. Wulfe has also obtained from the Crown Land Department of Ontario Toronto - a patent of 40 acres of the waters of Burlington Bay - in front of lots Nos. 3 and 4 - broken front, in the Township of Barton. The description of which I also append, it is No. 2. -

The bay boundaries, and the Inlet boundaries, should have long piles of oak driven firmly into the bottom of the water in front of lots 4, 3, 2, and <sup>part</sup> of lot No. 1 - and in the Inlets at the base line, as shown on the plan so that the public may be made aware of the outside boundary lines, inside of which they shall not trespass. - - -

plan herewith, marked at the angles thus & containing certain waters of Burlington Bay - as bays and Inlets thereof within the green lots and in, and forming a portion of the said B. bay from the base line between broken front and 1st Concession of Barton on land to the red line in the waters of B. bay, is what is petitioned for to be set apart. - I cannot however, recommend that these waters be leased to Mr. Wulfe but I have much pleasure in recommending that the said waters as per plan may be set apart and I submit the same for your consideration and of tier, and with due respect

Wm. Collingwood  
of

Wm. H. H. H.  
John H. H.

H. 17

15 March 1872.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to fish in the 20 mile pond, No. 14, in the Niagara River at Lewiston, for the season ending on 1st Nov. 1872 in the 20 mile pond at Lewiston, in the Township of Niagara; the same to be issued to you at the rate of - \$6.00  
2. I desire, for Joseph Gilbert of Lewiston to fish in the 20 mile pond, Nos. 1, and 16 - in the Niagara River, at Lewiston the license to extend from Nov. 1, 1872 to the 1st of November 1873, the same being in the Township of Niagara, Lewiston 6.00.

I enclose the money, and submit the same to the Department after a while.

3. James Fitzgerald of Lewiston N.S. - his license to fish in the Niagara River - same as last year, rate for this season to be - 10.00.

4. Henry Sheppard, Lewiston, a license to fish in the Niagara River - same as last year, rate to be - 5.00.

Yours faithfully,  
Hon. J. M. Minto

With very much respect,  
I have &c.

John W. Minto  
P.O.

16 March 1872.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to fish in the 20 mile pond, No. 14, in the Niagara River at Lewiston, for the season ending on 1st Nov. 1872 in the 20 mile pond at Lewiston, in the Township of Niagara; the same to be issued to you at the rate of \$15.00.

You will please give this license to Mr. Abraham St. John of Lewiston, and to be the same as that issued to Mr. Richard Gilbert of Lewiston last season.

Yours faithfully,  
Hon. J. M. Minto

I have &c.

John W. Minto  
P.O.

Yours faithfully,  
Hon. J. M. Minto

20.

15. March 1878. -

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License for a Boat of 500 yards of netting for nets in Lake Ontario in port of Lot No. 10. in the 1st Township. From there, I am in possession of the following:

20. Charis Pontage, say:

\$5.00.

"2. Also a Boat License for Potes &amp; Bath

Port Dalhousie - to fish in Lake Ontario, and to be the same as last season. \$5.00.

and with due respect to

Yours, etc.

Yours to

John W. Kerr

P.O.

Copy -

Township of Bertie,

15. March 1878. -

To, John W. Kerr

Fishery Commission.

I am desirous of obtaining a license for fishing with pound nets in Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos. 21, and in front of "Negro point" - in the Township of Bertie, in the County of Windsor. -

I wish to set one net in front of the first named place, and two at the point.

Yours, etc.

John W. Kerr

Tuesday 26. March 1878. -

At Uniona, to see Paddy Hurd, thence home by B. beach, heard that Ben Hols - and man has been catching speckled Bass in Gages Inlet. went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - Miles about 36. 44 Buggy \$2.00 - C. J. Kerr with me.



Sir,

25. March 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you to please to establish some hunting grounds in Lake Erie between Point Abino, and extending down the Lake below Negro Point, in the Township of Bertie, and County of Welland.

Mr. Chester A. Harris, of Fort Erie is an applicant for a fishing ground at this place. He is desirous of your consideration.

And Mr. Josiah B. Harrington of Victoria, is also an applicant for a some hunting ground at this place also.

I strongly recommend this matter for your consideration and adoption.

Hon. Ministers,  
Y. Y. Y.

I Have &c  
John W. Hart  
M.O.

Sir,

25. March 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith an application from Mr. Jacob Claes, of the Township of Bertie, County of Welland, for Special License to fish the Lake Erie, in front of lot 21, and Negro Point, fronting the Lake, in the Township of Bertie.

From inquiries I have made - I believe, and in fact I am sure this <sup>is the</sup> man who was to have been put down with Solomon Krip - an American subject - See my application of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January last, which you declined to accede to, he being a foreigner.

Mr. Claes is a British subject having taken the Oath of Allegiance on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1813. - before the Clerk of the Peace - County of Welland.

However! I do not believe it would be at all right for me to recommend you to grant this license because from inquiries I have made Solomon Krip as aforesaid or his brothers would be put down with Mr. Claes - and they it appears are fugitives from Justice - Having broken the fishing law in Lake Erie - State of New York.

And with due respect

I Have &c  
John W. Hart  
M.O.

Hon. Ministers,  
Y. Y. Y.

Ottawa,

26. March 1878. -

I have the honor to receive yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, and in reply I beg to forward to you copies of two documents on record in my diary and letter book, respecting Summary Kennedy Esq. J. P. of Alton, <sup>the release of</sup> ship of Paledon, and the case perhaps to which you allude. -

If I can be of any service to Mr Kennedy or you in the case to which you refer, Command me.

Under the provision of the Fisheries Act, I am a Dominion Magistrate for all fishing purposes therein contained, and under the control of the Hon: The Minister of Marine and Fisheries Ottawa, to whom I am to make all my official reports. -

Yours,

Respectfully,

John W. Kerr Esq.  
Hamilton Ont.

W. P. Patten and Scott,  
Barriers, Alton, Ont.  
Orangeville Ont.

Wednesday 27. March 1878. -

at Dundas - saw Macdonald, and James Somerville, who told me about the meeting held in Dundas last week. Heard Henry Binkley was raising money by subscription to carry him to Ottawa - and so enable him to stop net fishing in B. bay. - Heard unlicensed persons were spearing in Dundas etc. - see my letter to Chief Constable of Police Dundas. -

Chas. J. with me, went out at 9. A. M. - came in at 6. P. M. Miles 20, \$4 B 2.00. Toll 16¢. dinner 50¢ -

Postage stamps 50¢

28. March 1878.  
I find that Lyons has two sons. Albert and  
Emmanuel - who have paid no license fee, although they have been  
seen out spearing pike. -

Mr. Payne, of Waterdown was out spearing last Saturday  
and George Hayes - of Isaac Anderson farm - I think is, was out  
last week, find out all you can as I will get out the same  
monies, and send them to you. -

Your friend Dr. - I have been told to send  
the money through the office. I will do so. I will  
also stop the fishing in the bay. -

Let me hear from you who it was who was fishing  
nets. -

Yours sincerely  
John W. Kerr D.O.  
Chief Forester  
Bureau.

28. March 1878. -

Sir - I have the honor to receive your communication of the 25<sup>th</sup>  
instant, and in obedience to your order, I now send the names of  
the fishermen. To, you each year. -

1. Messrs John S. and Chester A. Harris, Fort Erie; For seine  
hauling ground in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, township  
of Bertie: That is to say: commencing at Gilmour Road, thence  
up the River as far as the old dock, a distance of about one  
mile - 100 yard seine, license fee \$5 - to terminate on  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April next. -

2. Mr John Smith, Bertie, in the County of Welland, li-  
cense to fish in the Niagara River, between Gilmour  
Road, in the village of Fort Erie and Wexford Mill  
in the Township of Welland by. For seine hauling  
license fee \$5, to terminate on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
April next. -

In conclusion I have to thank you for your  
kind consideration in these cases.

Yours sincerely,  
H. H. H.

I have to  
John W. Kerr  
D.O.

Stationary 50¢  
Telegraph 50¢



Dear Sir

30 March 1878.

I have the honor to send you Bank Cheque No. 112 - for the sum of fifteen dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for the current license.

1. Mr. Abraham S. Gobb & Clinton - "For some kind of license to fish in the 20 mile pond and creek" - To be in description the same as that issued to Mr. Richard Gifford last season - See my letter to you of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant - "Land on license" - \$15.00

2. Mr. John Bates & William - "For some kind of license to fish in the 10<sup>th</sup> May next" - The license already received and returned. - \$4.00

Total \$19.00

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours, Sir, very respectfully,

John Bates

Friday 29 March 1878 -

At Jordan - Clinton and Winchester - About 4. Gobb - paid me off 10 license fee for 20 mile pond & saw Mr. John Bates and John Bates - went out at 8 am came in at 9. p. m. - miles 72. Railway fare \$1.40 - Dinner and Buggy \$3.00 & dinner and tea 50¢ -

Friday 29 March 1878 -

Mr. Edwin of Fish Commission & Litchfield - Sandwich - arrived at Hamilton Station with 16. Cases of White Fish - for B. Bay - My son Charles John Bates - met him at the station - put the cases in a light wagon and carried them down to the Bay - where a boat was procured from Mr. Thompson - in the fish were let out in clear water -

Charles John Bates - acted on the Telegraph sent to me in relation during my absence.

On Saturday morning I saw Mr. King and arranged about the Fish Commission.

Telegraph - from Mr. W. L. King - Am the Fish Commission & Fisheries - Ottawa - was received during my absence on Friday about the White Fish -

Orders received from Mr. White to a letter to them.

Sir,

Ottawa, 26, March 1878.

In accordance with the recommendation made in your communication of 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, the Minister consents that parties named therein be allowed to fish with nets in the Niagara River above the Falls, until the 15<sup>th</sup> proximo.

Please send their names here with description of fishing grounds, in order that the necessary licenses be sent you.

J. W. Kerr Esq  
Hamilton,  
Ontario.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. G. Whitchee,

For the Hon. M. M. &amp; Co.

This letter has been cancelled - per telegraph of 29<sup>th</sup> for me from Mr W. G. Whitchee - Commissioner - Ottawa.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1878.

On B. bay. found a piece of gill net in Starnes' inlet. Searched several other inlets - Charles John and Edward Kerr, were with me - went out at 6.30. p. m. came in at 1.30. a. m. - Tuesday - 44 B. - 1.50 - Chas J. Kerr \$1. and Edward \$1. Miles 30. On B. bay.

Heard that John Byrnes had been caught stealing fish that David Fitch had tackled him about it, where he gave up the fish. - - - Mortimer boy admitted to me the gill net was his, David Fitch saw him set it there. - - -

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1878.

Off to Toronto, to meet Mr James Heron - went out at 9. a. m. came in at 10.30 p. m. - met Mr Heron at the G. W. Ry - Union Station. He had 15 pairs of white fish fry - I took charge of them - and with Martin Wulgray - and George Richardson - took them out to the B. bay - in front of the Butts on the other side of the river - Miles 56. Boats \$1. Man and Boy \$2.50 of dinner tea and bed 75¢ - Ry fare 1.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1878.

On Toronto Island - City of Toronto, John Gussell paid me \$10. Wm Montgomery \$5. George Redwell \$2 - and Mr Lafferty paid me \$1. Got up at 8 a. m. - spearing fish - came in for 1878. Pike spearing - went out at 7. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. - Miles 48. Boat 50¢ Breakfast & dinner 75¢ Railway fare \$1.

Telegraphs 35¢ Telegraphs 35¢ Telegraph 38¢

24.

30. March 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that the James Brown of the Canadian Fish Breeding Establishment, arrived at the Hamilton Station of the Great Western Railway on the day before yesterday at 5.15 p.m. - yesterday Friday with sixteen (16) ten pails containing two million of white fish tray - in good condition. - - -

When the Telegraphs, John McNeil, McNeil, and you arrived - I was at Jordan - attending to my other duties; - my son Charles, however, met Mr. McNeil at the Station on the arrival of the Train and with a eight hundred and thirty three carried the sixteen ten pails, to the Thompson East House where a boat so provision and the fish was taken out, and deposited in good water.

I have arranged with Mr. McNeil to meet me myself at Canada and then, on all future occasions, to be at your order, when you are acting in such capacity. The arrangement splendid magnificent white fish in the bag - but I am delighted at the prospect of receiving these millions of immigrants, from the British Genet -

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Kerr

I have, &c.  
John W. Kerr  
P.O.

Telegraphs. 104.

Sunday, 7. April 1878. -

On B. beach, and B. bay - from 9. p.m. until 9. a.m. on Monday Morning. Fred Storr, G. H. Cory, and Jacob Cory, were with me; - in consequence of the several complaints made to me of Pike gill nets being robbed - I went down to the Beach, and watched all night. - - -

I found James Ross, and Edward Stohmwood at a 1/4 to 6, a.m. - in a boat in front of Wm. Fayes Inlet, they had pikes, and speckled bass in the boat, and after two hundred a gill net at Sevens Inlet, for any other yes. I shall go with him between 3 and 4, a.m. - and I saw about 10 at Conf. myself two hundred a gill net at 5, a.m. - Jack Ross, complained that pike seen by his son in his gill net - was stolen - G. H. Cory, and Jacob Cory, complained of 5 Benjamin



Sir,

April 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank cheque \$80.712, for the sum of Twenty dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as License fees, for this current year, as follows:

1. John Fensell, Ashbridges bay — "For boat license to fish in Ashbridges bay" — 1800 yards of pike gill nets, same as last year, — send me license.	10.00
2. Wm Montgomery — Toronto, "For boat license to fish in Ashbridges bay — 100 yards pike gill nets same as last year. — send me license." —	5.00
3. George Redwell, Don Mount — "For boat license to fish 300 yards pike gill net in Ashbridges bay — to end on 1st of May next	2.00
51. Alfred Hayes, Glamboro, "Spearing license in B. bay — to end on 20. April instant, —	1.00
99. Wm Henry Knowles. — do do	1.00
100. James Nicholson — do do	1.00
Total. \$ 20.00	

The Hon Sec

The Minister

H. H. H.

I Have &amp;c,

John W. Kerr

H. O.

Contd

Golds, and Fred Montgomery for robbing his pike gill net on last Saturday morning — Jacob caught them at the gill net, and saw them take a pike out of it; — Take on examining his gill nets, found the fish had been stolen from them. — — —

Ben. Golds — abused Jake Cory — last Saturday afternoon, on acct of it, — went out at 7.30. p.m. came in at 10.30. a.m. — 8 of April — Miles 28, \$4 & B. 2.50 — Breakfast for two, 50¢. —

Monday, 8. April 1878. —

Applied to James Cahill Esq. J. P. — for License monies for the above; — went out at 10. a.m. came in at 3. p.m. — Miles 8. \$4 & B. — 1.50 —

Supper charges

April 8. 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith, my accounts, and diary in duplicate for quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1878, which amounts to,  $\$8.09$ .  
 Add - Voucher, No: 1. John W. Kerr - For postages, &c. 2.25,  
 " " 2. do. - " Stationery, &c. 2.40,  
 " " 3. - do. - " Telegraphs, &c. 2.25,  
 " " 4. - do. - " Express Charges, 3.45,  
 " " 5. Charles J. Kerr, " Boatman, 10.00,  
 " " 6. John W. Kerr " Office Rent. 5.00,  
 Total  $\$103.424$

In submitting to you, this account, you will please find that during the quarter, I travelled 1,256 Miles, and was on active duty 29 days. - I may here state, that so far, I have only found two pike gill nets, "small pieces", set in the Reserve Inlets, of B. bay, and which I connected. - and with due respect

Yours, Minister,  
 H. H. H.

I Have &c.  
 John W. Kerr  
 P.O.

On 8<sup>th</sup> April. I sent receipts for my quarters salary, ending 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1878. - - -

My dear Sir. -

Yours received, and I thank you kindly for the information it conveys per Mr Richard Snow, of persons fishing gill nets in Whitty Harbour. -

Please obtain for me all the names of the persons so offending, I will endeavour to come down next Monday, and I will then bring you some pike gill nets for your own use. -

Please thank Mr Snow for me - and with kind regards -

Y<sup>rs</sup> sincerely,

John W. Kerr J. Oakes,  
 Hamilton, Onto.

X 9, April 1878.

James Storey Esq  
 Whitty C. Office.

Sir,

8 April 1848. - -

I have the honor to report that in obedience to your order, on Tuesday last, the 22<sup>d</sup> of April instant, at 7 o'clock, p.m. - I met by appointment Mr James Allen, of the Sandwich Fish Breeding Establishment, at Union Station - Toronto; He had 15 fifteen tin pails of white fish fry, say about 500,000, for distribution in Lake Ontario, and as Mr Allen had to go on to, I directed to Mr Samuel Wilmet, I took charge of these small fishes, and by the aid of two men and a boy - placed at my disposal with a large fishing boat, by Mr Patrick Gray, fisherman, Toronto Island; - Then in waiting - we proceeded up the Lake as far as the wharf, above the Butts, in front of the Garrison Commission - where Mr Allen wished them to be placed, and there I tendered and carefully placed and committed them to their new home in Lake Ontario. - - -

However, in order that I might examine the state of in which these white fish fry arrived, my curiosity led me to keep over one tin pail of these delicate small fry in the following (Wednesday) morning, because it was rather dark, when I planted the 14 pails, - This I done by distributing them in two separate pails, with fresh supply of water to each pail. - - -

On Wednesday morning the sight that presented itself to my examination, when I placed the contents of these two tin pails in a wooden pail of fresh water for observation, was grand, awful and far beyond my power to describe them to you. - There were like thousands, displaying their activity. - - -

I will however, in conclusion say; that the Department, Ottawa - and as I do, may well feel pride in Mr Samuel Wilmet, and his Assistant, Mr James Allen, in connection with fish breeding and hatching out white fish in the Sandwich Establishment. -

I want your millions, for Niagara, say thirty five tin pails. - - -

They can be taken by the same Train - "Hay Express" to Suspension Bridge - and then transhipped to the Niagara Train - and delivered in Lake Ontario, at the Old Fort, about 8 o'clock p.m. - on the same day. - Hoping the same will meet your approbation, and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Ministers. -

W. G. Whitaker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Commissioner of  
Fisheries. -  
Ottawa.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr  
D.O.



Sir,

8. April 1878,

I have been furnished by the department of Marine and Fisheries - Ottawa, with a copy of a letter, addressed to you, and bearing date, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April instant. - -

Will you be pleased to let me know what kind of fishing it is, you wish to carry on in Lake Ontario; and I will endeavour to accommodate you, if in my power. -

Wm Stewart Esq  
145, Victoria St  
Toronto, Onto

Y<sup>rs</sup> respectfully,  
John W Kerr  
J. Russell.

My dear Sir,

As I have already notified you, your fishing license will terminate in the Niagara River, for Lake fishing there, on Monday next, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April instant, when you must hang up your line and fish no more. - -

By orders from the Fisheries department, you have been permitted to fish up to the above date, say; for 3½ months of this year, or season for the sum of five dollars.

You, however, sent me thirty dollars which would entitle you to fish up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December next, only that the Niagara River, has been set apart as a Reserve. -

I therefore send instruction from the Fisheries department return you the sum of twenty five dollars - per post office order, and with my kind regards.

John Stewart  
Fisherman,  
Victoria, B.C.

Yours sincerely  
John W Kerr  
J. Russell  
Hamilton, Onto

11. April 1878,

No 3138, 25,  
11. April 1878.

Sir,

11, April 1878,

In consequence of your letting the Niagara River be between the Old Fort, Fort Erie, and to the commencement of the rapids - Niagara Falls apart, as a Reserve, to be free from all net fishing, and as the public, and the community will still require to be furnished with a necessary supply of fish, for home consumption, I beg most respectfully to recommend for your consideration, that seine fishing be now permitted in Lake Erie, between Biggar Point, and Port Colborne, in such places, as may be adapted for the same. - -

Biggar Point is about ten miles up the Lake from the Old Fort, Fort Erie,

and with due respect -

Hon. Minister,

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Sir,

11, April 1878,

I have the honor to report that George Flagg, his son, and son in law, have been fishing a small seine, about 50 yards long, in Lake Erie, about two miles west of Point Abino, township of Bertie, and County of Welland. - - -

I have consulted with A. G. Stille, Esq. the Government Magistrate - Clifton, and will bring these people before him, for fishing for, catching, and killing fish, in contravention of the Fisheries Act,

and with much respect

Hon. Minister,

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 1878. -

At 5:30 a.m. left Fort Erie for Point Abino, where we saw my report of 11<sup>th</sup> instant. - Railway fare \$1.75, Street Car 10¢ and 10¢, Jerry 20¢, dinner for two, 50¢. From Point Abino to Fort Erie and back \$4.00, supper 50¢, refreshments 50¢. Railway fare Ridgeway to Fort Erie - 9 miles, went out at 8 a.m. Car in at Fort Erie on 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 a.m. -

Constable Harrison was with me. - - -

Seized a seine and ropes, see my report of 11<sup>th</sup> instant.

Sir,

11. April 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst, from information I received I proceeded to Point Abino, Lake Erie, township of Bertie, and about two miles west of the point, I found a small seine hauled, that had been fished there by Emanuel Van Bickle, a bounty constable, Alfred Harris, Volney Jones, and Michael Henry, officers of Fort Erie. --

They arrived there on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, made three hauls on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, and continued fishing on, up to my arrival there, on the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst, when I got there. --

The seine and ropes, I seized together with a quantity of Herring; I left the seine and ropes for safe keeping in Niagara. -- The boat which is the property of Charles Noble of Fort Erie, is in safe keeping with Mr Charles Murdock of Bertie. --

I consulted with A. J. Hall, Esq. the Fort Magistrate, at Clifton, and will bring these persons before him some day shortly, at Fort Erie, and have them fined for illegal fishing, and breaking the Sabbath. --

Mr. Hall kindly placed a Constable at my disposal, who accompanied me to the place above referred to; where we spent the night of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst, on the open beach of Lake Erie, traversing the same for miles. --

Yours &c

Wm. H. Hall

2. 2.

Wednesday 10. April 1878.

at Fort Erie, and Niagara, took down the seine and ropes there, gave them up to Mr. Thos. Elliot, for safe keeping. Constable Harrison, returned with me to Lusk's Bridges. went out at 5.30. for my dinner at 8.00. -- all 200. --  
 10.00. breakfast and dinner for 100. 100.  
 Telegraph 25.00. Carriage of seine to Railway station 50.00. Express Charges 50.00 boat hire at Niagara 50.00. Sea and bed 50.00.



Set.

11. April 1878.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, stating that you have been advised that some parties from the States intend setting pound nets, west of Niagara River, between Windmill point, and Point Abino<sup>2</sup> - On Lake Erie. -

In reply, I have the honor to report that no foundation whatever at present exists, for such an allegation. - Six or two persons applied for such a privilege under a special license from the department which I submitted and recommended for your consideration, but as you have not entertained the application of either, I am satisfied, the clamor raised about these pound nets, by insignificant persons, will now subside I hope for ever. -

I saw Mr Jacob Claus, in Bertie, on yesterday, at his place of residence, and altho' he has got 100 poles for the purpose of setting three pound nets, in case he had obtained a special license to do so, still, after I explained your letter to him, and other things within my own knowledge appertaining thereto, he as a good, loyal, law abiding subject of the Realm, and the owner and occupant of 180 Acres of land, fronting on Lake Erie, living in a stone house 68 years old, got for a prize, will never be guilty of any act, to damage or injure his position or property in the Community.

I Have &c.

Hon. Minister,  
H. H. H.

John W. Starr  
D.O.

Set.

12. April 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for six Copies of the Fisheries Act, six Copies of Gazette, small sheet, changing close season of White fish. &c. &c. to its present fixed time. -

And also a Copy of Gazette, proclaiming the Niagara River a Reserve from the old Fort, at Fort Erie, to the Niagara Falls. -

Also some small Notices of the same for posting up. - And with due respect

I Have &c.

## Notice to Fishermen. —

Except under Leases or Licenses, from the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, no person can fish with nets of any kind in any of the waters of Ontario; "Province".

Unless the usual Annual Licenses are at once applied for, and taken out, I will be compelled to put the law in force in every case coming under my Notice, by the seizure of all the fish caught therein. —

Hamilton Division,

May Order,

12. April 1878.

John W. Kerr

J. O.

No person but the Man <sup>J. O.</sup> Licenses  
Can fish pike gill nets in B. bay. —

J. W. Kerr

J. O.

Sir,

13. April 1878,

I have the honor to report for your information that I have obeyed your Orders, and have refunded Mr. John Evers of Port Erie. Fisherman the sum of Twenty five dollars, collected from the under named fishermen.

Will you be pleased to send me Licenses for them, for this current year as follows: —

Mr. Wm Cowan Pickering. For a seine hauling license in Lake Ontario, at the Mouth, to be same as last year.	\$5.00
" Wm. McLeat, Frenchman's bay - a Boat License to fish 2000 yds of Salmon Trout and White fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, in part of the township of Pickering -	5.00
" Thos. Mansfield, Frenchman's bay - Licensed to be same as last year. — on a <sup>part</sup>	5.00
" George White. Whithy - License to be same as last year. —	5.00
" Duncan McGillivray, Boat License to fish pike gill nets in B. bay, del <sup>at</sup>	2.00
" Martineau Coy - do, do, do, —	2.00
106, St. C. Mowbray, Spearer's license in B. bay, delivered - to expire 20. April. —	1.00
Total \$25.00.	

Hon. Minister,  
4. 4. 78.

I Have Ye,

John W. Kerr

J. O.

Lo.

13. April 1878. -

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque No. 45, for the sum of eight dollars. - - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, up to the periods herein specified as follows:  
 101. Daniel McFurne - Licensed to fish a seine on fishing station No. 4, in B. bay, for rough fish. The seine being on B. beach, and to expire on 24. May next, \$5.00 &  
 101. Duncan McFurne - Spearing License in B. bay, &c, to expire on 20. April. - 1.00,

102. Jerry Hudson, do. do. do. 1.00,

103. Robert Hawkins, do. do. do. 1.00,

Total \$ 8.00

Will you be pleased to send me Mr McFurne's license, and with much respect

I Have &c

Wm. Minister

W. W. W.

John W. Ross  
D.O.

Thursday, 11. April 1878. -

at Hagera, Suspension Bridge and Hamilton Railway fare 50¢ do of 1.75¢ breakfast and dinner 50¢.  
 porters 50¢, Miles 30. - - -

Friday, 12 April 1878.

On B. beach - gave Jack Lauffs a Mitnafs summons to appear on Saturday Police Court. James Hesper paid me \$2, and Daniel McFurne paid me \$5, for license - see my letter of 12 attended Police Court in the forenoon. - Ben. Hodes, was brought up by Jacob Corey, for stealing fish out of his father's gill net. -

I had James Ross and Edward Holmwood, the latter and John Corey - for fishing on Monday morning in Port-Houston Bay, before 5. A.M. - altho I gave evidence against them, they slipped out of it. - - - went out at 8 A.M. Came in at 6.30 P.M. Miles 30. 14¢ Baggage 8.00.

Saturday 13. April 1878.

Attended Police Court, - adjourned Cases, all dismissed - went out at 9. A.M. Came in at 3.30 P.M. Miles 6. - Fred. Kern and John Lauff up as witnesses, - see my report.



I have the honor to receive from you a copy of letter dated Ottawa, 30<sup>th</sup> March 1878, written to you by J. B. Plumb Esq<sup>r</sup>, M. P. for Niagara, and referred to me for report, in which that gentleman states: "I have also a letter from a Correspondent, who says that he has learned that it is the intention of the Department to remove Mr. Kerr the Overseer, who, he thinks should have a hearing if complaints are made against him which are likely to cause his removal." --

"Of course I have no right to ask any information on this point, which is not public, but if consistent with your duty, I should be glad to learn whether the removal is to be made, and the cause of it?" --

In reply to all this, I am not aware that I have either in my private or official capacity reviewed any cause of offence or complaint to any person or individual whatever, in this respect. For nearly 14 years I have always endeavoured at all times to steer a straight forward, upright and independent course in the discharge of my duty, as your Fisheries Overseer. --

I have had information conveyed to me recently that Captain John Brown, of the River Road, Niagara, and Mr. Henry of Stamford, wealthy men, were looking for my humble place but I paid no attention to it, in any way or manner whatever, and altho' I am personally acquainted with Mr. Plumb, for many years, before and since he became M. P. for Niagara. I have never directly or indirectly adopted him on the subject.

And I am at a loss to find out, why it is, he is so interested in the removal of me, as I feel conscious in myself that I have done nothing worthy of death or of bonds, nor of my removal. --

And with this explanation I am with much respect, I hope and trust,

J. B. Whitcher Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
Commissioner of Fisheries,  
Ottawa

Your Obedient faithful  
servant,

John W. Kent

L. O.

P.S. - I will report upon Jas. Cardwell, Niagara, in next week.

Yrs Respectfully  
John W. Kent



Thursday 18. April 1878. —

In Toronto, and the Island — found all regular.  
 Got 9.5. from Mrs Doyle. — for Charles Lane, #5. from Mr  
 Gray. for Charles Horse — of the Stumbers. — #2. for Mr  
 Fred C. Ireland. Leblancville #5. or Mrs Reid, came out  
 at 8. a.m. came in 2.30. p.m. miles 46. Ry fare 80¢,  
 dinner, tea and bed 75¢. — Boat 50¢. — — — delivery 10¢  
 Gray & Wards — licenses. —

Friday 19. April 1878. —

At the Island, thence by boat and Railway to Credit, —  
 to Springfield to inspect fishway there. found the bank of  
 the Creek washed away — also found saw dust going  
 into the River from Halls saw mill, worked by J. H. H.  
 Dracass — Harvey Lake, — and John McTavish — were sawing  
 there — gave him until Monday to get a beam to keep  
 all saw dust out otherwise a fine would be the re-  
 sult — thence back to Oj. Credit — saw Mr Reid, his  
 wife and boys fishing there — thence home to Hamilton, —  
 went out at 6. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. miles 60.  
 Ry fare 80¢. H. Ry 1.50. Colls 5¢, breakfast and dinner 50¢.

Sir: —

20. April 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge an application from Mr  
 David Ward Jr of the City of Toronto son of the fisherman  
 of the same name resident on the Island there. —

As all spearing will terminate this day in  
 Dundas Marsh, and P. Bay, I don't believe it is quite  
 right, to open up spearing under the head of fish,  
 until at least the close season for fish is closed af-  
 ter the 15<sup>th</sup> of June next. —

I do not consider there should be any spearing  
 allowed during summer, — the matter is submitted  
 for your decision. —

And with due respect,

I have

Yours  
 John H. Kerr  
 O.O.

Respectfully,  
 J. H. Kerr



My friends -

I was somewhat surprised on Thursday, when Mrs. Doyle, on handing me five dollars from you - said you desired her to tell me that you would pay no more. -

Now I insist on you paying me at once, six dollars more - as you agreed to do, otherwise I will soon find a way to stop your fishing altogether. -

There is another thing, I want to tell you, and that is, that you must stop hauling in the net, at the back of your shanty. -

After gill net fishing is over, there shall be no more fishing of any kind carried on in any part of Ashbridges Bay, - until the ice opens next year. -

This is the rule laid down by the fishing department, St. Lawrence - which you, and I, and every man must observe. - Don't fall your fish and caught fish out again, or you may get fined - I saw them. -

I am sure - Mr. Doyle's shanty, I, nor the Fisheries is part of it - there is nothing to do, nor do about it. -

The Fisheries department will only grant license to fish - your fee is just paid up, and not before, be sure on the 1st of May. -

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr J. R. Reeves,  
Fischer's shanty,  
Belleville,  
Hamilton Ont.  
20 April 1878.

P.S. - I beg of you not to fish any more on Sunday - There is a man who would give \$40. for the fishing license you enjoy. -

My dear Sir - I am glad to hear you have been successful. -

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr

John W. Kerr  
J. R. Reeves,  
20 April 1878.

20. Apr. 1878. -  
 I have the honor to submit, and send you  
 with this receipt, No: 782, the sum of Seventeen  
 dollars. - please apply the same as follows: -

1. George and Charles Sawyer on acct of Boat License  
 (ready received - for current year - 5.00.
2. Isaac Kropf and - Leslie - for boat license  
 to fish gill nets in Lake Erie, in front of the  
 Township of Scarborough, the license to be \$5.00  
 on acct. 2.00.
3. Messrs. Francis and Charles Reid, of Port Huron  
 a boat license to be fished same as last year. 5.00
4. John W. Hays, The Michigan License to fish be-  
 tween the Duck wharf and the pier, in the  
 Ontario - a boat 200 ft long, and 500 yards of  
 gill net in the Lake Erie, and Michigan  
 township - the gill net is to be fished up to the  
 10th day of this year. 5.00.

Total \$ 17.00

I have the Honor to be  
 Sir,  
 your obedient servant  
 John W. Hays

My dear Sir,  
 Will you be pleased to find your  
 license here with. - On receipt, be so good as to send me  
 balance of license fee of \$5.00 with kind regards to you  
 and yours, - believe me -  
 in great haste,  
 John W. Hays  
 Fisherman  
 Port Huron, Mich. P.O. Office.

John W. Hays Esq.,  
 20. April 1878.

My dear Sir,  
 Will you please find your license herewith  
 and be so good as to send me balance of your license on re-  
 ceipt, with kind regards. -  
 in great haste,  
 John W. Hays  
 Fisherman  
 Port Huron, Mich. P.O. Office.

John W. Hays Esq.,  
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Adopted 10th  
 May 1878

My dear Sir,  
 I am very pleased to hear from you and  
 your letter to get in front of your own place as  
 it goes. The same being in date letter.

And with kind regards.  
 Yours truly,  
 J. B. [unclear]  
 20 April 1898.  
 P.S. - I am sorry for previous letter between the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 of April and 15<sup>th</sup> of May - please be careful to have  
 the same strictly -

My dear Sir,  
 I am very pleased to hear from you  
 please for 20 April for the same.  
 For boat and fire not fishing - a separate notice  
 required.  
 Please see Mr. Richard Gilbert to see a man of 5, for  
 his boat house. With kind regards.

Yours truly,  
 J. B. [unclear]  
 20 April 1898.

My dear Sir,  
 I am very pleased to hear from you and  
 your letter to get in front of your own place as  
 it goes. The same being in date letter.  
 Now are Salomon boat -  
 On 15<sup>th</sup> of April, on 15<sup>th</sup>  
 of May - Observe it strictly.  
 With kind regards.

Yours truly,  
 J. B. [unclear]  
 20 April 1898.

26 April, Write Mr. Anderson (Anglo)  
 [unclear]

because I was sorry to see you were  
sick, — I have had regards —

My dear daughter,  
This is to  
tell you that...

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr

D.O.

20. of Dec 1878,

Please find the enclosed letter to George  
Redwell, — and I hope to

John W. Kerr  
D.O.

private  
My dear Sir,

Your favour of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, duly  
received. — In receiving a communication from  
the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. I will come right up.

I am greatly obliged to you for your promptness  
in giving me the information your welcome letter con-  
tains, and with my kind and warm respects to  
your father, mother and all the members of your  
family, believe me, Yours sincerely

John W. Kerr

D.O.

26. April 1878,

Mr. Daniel W. Clark,  
Ridgeway,  
Ont.

My dear Sir,

Your friend (Jim Miller) Mr. Jas:  
Miller, having declined to rent either the 15. 16. Mile Creeks, or  
any other place to fish in. —

While you be pleased to send me \$15, and I  
will recommend your application for it, the 16. to be  
granted at once.

Others beside you, have applied for it, but I  
will recommend you to get it, as soon as one at  
once. Remember me kindly to Mr. A. St. John

Mr. Dick Gilbert  
Fisherman  
Middleport  
Ont.

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr

D.O.

25. April 1878.

I have been off on 20. by  
train, for the 16. Mile Creek.



[illegible]

all the same.  
 Capt. G. H. H. H.  
 Clifton, N. J.

My dear Henry,

Will you be pleased to join Mr. Charles and Francis Reid's company.

I will endeavour to leave home next Monday, at 11 o'clock. I wish that I was here now, and bring the eggs and some old pine gill nets. Please take word and love.

James L. Wilson Esq.  
J. L. Wilson  
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26. April 1875.

My dear Mrs. I must have your license fee at once. Otherwise I will have to fine you. Please send me at once \$5, for last season and \$5, for this season. Don't fail to do this at once, on receipt, and save all further trouble and expenses. -  
Yrs truly,  
J. M. Schulten  
26. April 1878.

James W. Dickson and  
James W. Dickson  
Dickson  
Dickson

Will you be pleased to let me have  
 the regulation as regards the fishing season, 1878,  
 and the present license of 1878.  
 The regulation as regards the fishing season, 1878,  
 each man has a gun, or an other person, and a license  
 fishing. - By Section 3. of Section 1. of the Act.  
 No license of a person, who has a gun,  
 allow to removal of license if in breach of rent,  
 during year, after the term is due.  
 How the good people have of these pay  
 at the same time.  
 The same is the same.

Sunday, 28. April 1878. -

At Sus: Bridge, Fort Erie, and Bertie, say lot 21,  
 Broken post location, - on Lake Erie - in front of Ridge=  
 way, - saw Daniel Claus - and got all the information  
 from him - about Andrew Hardison, and John M. Fulmer -  
 fishing without a license, and fishing on  
 Sunday 28. April, in contravention of the Fisheries  
 Act. - - - went out at 10. a. m. came in 12.30. a. m.  
 29<sup>th</sup> of April - dinner 30<sup>¢</sup> - Railway fare 1<sup>45</sup>¢ -  
 Team for 2 days 5.00¢, Supper for two 50¢ bed  
 25<sup>¢</sup> - - -

Monday 29. April 1878. - - -

At same place, found John M. Fulmer, and  
 his father fishing up a long line with hooks, seized  
 boat, gear - sail, - hooks and a gill net, - notified  
 John M. Fulmer - and Andrew Hardison, to appear  
 before A. J. Hill Esq. Police Magistrate at Fort  
 Erie, - on the next day at 11. a. m. - Thence  
 up the Lake to George Island, - thence back to Fort  
 Erie, - Miles about 26, - brought the net, lines and  
 hooks to Fort Erie with me. - - - went out at 4,  
 a. m. Came in 5.30. p. m. - Telegraph 35¢  
 dinner for two 50¢ breakfast 50¢, tea 50¢ - bed 25<sup>¢</sup>.  
 Telegraph dinner 25¢. - - -

Tuesday, 30, April 1878. —

At Fort Erie, A. G. Still Reg<sup>ce</sup>, Police Magistrate, Chilton, appeared at Fort Erie, at 11.30, A. M. — when John G. Galloway, and Andrew Stardison came before him, charged by me, with fishing without a license, in Lake Erie, and fishing on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, in front of lot 21, Bertie, as per report, dated 2<sup>d</sup> May 1878. — They were fined 5<sup>00</sup> and 2.50 costs, or 8 days each in Jail, which they paid.

I sent Emanuel Vassible up for the boat, which he brought down to me on a Wagon — for which I paid him \$2 — I also gave a dollar to a boy to take the boat down to Black Creek, and 1.50, and 10¢, to bring it by Railway to Niagara — together with gill net, and hooks and lines — gave them up to Mr. Thos. Elliot to take charge of them. Breakfast 25¢ dinner for two 50¢, Railway fare 65¢ 25¢, Miles 5¢. — — — bed & supper 50¢

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 1878. —

At Niagara, — thence to Chippawa, and up the Creek to the mouth of Lyons Creek, found a gill net right across the mouth of the same; — J. K. Wynn was with me. Railway fare 65¢, breakfast 25¢, dinner 25¢, Horse and buggy 1.50, — Railway fare to Hamilton \$1.75¢. — — — Miles . . . . .

Sir,

2<sup>d</sup> May 1878. —

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to issue to Mr. Charles Muddock, of Bertie, to fish a line in Lake Erie, in front of lot No. 29, Broken post, containing 20 chains Lake frontage, from post to post, The license fee, for this season to be five dollars, paid in advance. — — —

The place is in front of his own residence and farm, and is twelve miles from the old Fort Fort Erie, I recommend the same may be granted at once. — — —

I Have &c.

John W. Wynn  
J. W.

Hon: Minister.



Sir,

2. May 1878. -

I have just received your letter of 20. ultimo apprising me that The Minister has ordered the issue of a cheque for \$440. - in payment of Mr. Edwin Turners claim for \$60. - for building a fishway on his mill dam across the Credit River. - -

In reply, I have to report, that I have no right nor a desire to call in question the munificence of Sir Albert J. Smith, the Minister, in this case. - - -

In my report to you dated 20. of April last, I recommended what I deemed was all the power, I had under sub section 3. of section 12. of the Fisheries Act, this sub section I believe justified me in doing so. - - -

With respect to your remark - "It is noticed that Mr. Turner - mentions in his petition that you promised him, he would be reimbursed for the whole cost of this work." - &c. &c. &c. -

I observed it also - and I have now to report "most positively" - that I done nothing of the kind - All I ever said or done in the matter was to read the law on fishways to Mr. Edwin Turner - at his request when serving notices, and I have never seen him since - Mr. Turner, has written me two or three letters on the subject of his petition. - It was however, only when I received your order, to report upon Mr. Turners petition, that I reported thereon after I inspected the fishway on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April last. - I never saw Mr. Edwin Turner, since 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1877. - -

I trust and hope that you do not believe every thing that is written and told to you about me, I try to obey your orders, and be guided by the law, rules and regulations of the department alone. - -

I may further state for your information that a third person stood by, and heard what I did say, to Mr. Turner, - on the occasion, the only one referred to, and this person can corroborate what I say, if you disbelieve me. - - -

I just know to a nicety, the estimate of my power in fishways compensation is \$112, and under your orders I govern myself accordingly. -

I Have &amp;c.

Hon: Minister,

I should be so

Y. Y. Y.

D. O.

Sir,

2. May 1878. -

I have the honor to report, that on Tuesday the 30. day of April, at Fort Erie, I brought Andrew Hardison, a Sadler, and farmer, and John M. Trilmer - farmer - resident in Ridgeway township of Bertie, and County of Welland before A. J. Hall Esq. Police Magistrate, who were charged by me - "With fishing for, catching and killing fish in Lake Erie at Bertie, without a license, from the Department of Marine and Fisheries?" - Ottawa. -

"And also for fishing for and catching fish at the same place with a gill net, and for setting out about 200 Hooks and lines, in Lake Erie at Bertie, on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, in Contumacious of the Fisheries Act?" -

They pleaded guilty, and were fined \$5, and 2.50, costs each - or 8 days in Jail. - They paid their fines. -

The facts are as follows; These men went out last Sunday morning, (a habit they had of doing) fished up their gill net, and caught seven fish thereon. - They then started in a boat, a Chucker, I have seized, crossed the Niagara River at Fort Erie, to the Water Works on the American side of the River, at Buffalo, where by the aid of friends and small nets they caught a large quantity of bait, which they conveyed back alive in a barrel of water to the place referred to, and which is about 10 miles, up Lake Erie - from the Old Fort, Fort Erie. -

It was then about 12 o'clock, noon - on Sunday when they got back there. - They baited up their hooks, &c. lines with the bait aforesaid, and set them out. -

On Saturday evening last, I received a letter from Ridgeway, that such illegal fishing was being carried on. - In consequence of which, I took the Train from here on Sunday at 11.30. A. M. - to Buffalo, crossed over to Fort Erie - by the Ferry, hired a Team - and accompanied by Constable Thomas K. Wyne, - of Clifton, - arrived at the scene of this illegal fishing just at dark, on Sunday evening where my informant Daniel W. Claws lives, and I learned the particulars in detail as herein set forth.

I there remained on the alert until Monday morning when John M. Trilmer, and his father, a man and woman, came down at a 1/4 past 5 o'clock, A. M. - to where their boat was, locked up, hitched their horse to the fence, unlocked the boat, and in it went out on the Lake, and fished up the Hooks, and fish caught thereon. -

The Constables and myself, being in ambush, instantly after the boat touched the beach, made our appearance and seized the boat, a sail, pair of Oars, the gill net, Hooks, and line and grapple, which were all confiscated, in addition to the fines imposed. -

As this illegal fishing has to be stopped altogether,  
I have taken the precaution of removing the boat,  
to be so transferred to the Town of Niagara, where  
I have placed her in keeping. - The boat, sail  
and oars is worth about \$30. - The gill net about  
\$6. - and the hooks and lines \$4. -

Waiting further Orders - I am with due  
respect,  
Yours,  
John W. Clark  
F.O.

Friday, 3. May 1878. -  
at Toronto, found all regular - went out at  
8. a.m. - Came in at 4.30, p.m. - Miles 86. -  
Railway fare \$2. - dinner 50¢ & 44¢ Breakfast 1.50, -  
4 May - Wrote to Dan: W. Clark - of Ridgeway,  
Ontario - in re Harrison and Gules. -  
4 May - Wrote Mr. Thos. Elliot, in re Bolton and  
Billy Campbell - Niagara - Ont.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1878. -  
On Bay and beach and around by the plains. I found  
all regular except some dead fish on Bay side, which  
I ordered to be removed. - thence round by the plains,  
Tolls 8¢, dinner 50¢, Horse and Buggy 2.30, Miles about  
30. Roads bad. - went out at 8. a.m. came in at 5.30.  
p.m. - saw the same hauling fishing men, about their  
Licenses.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1878. -  
at Port Credit to see James J. Wilson and Frances J.  
Mrs. Reid regarding their license gave them some fish,  
gill net for to fish for catch and take fish in the  
River Credit. Then back home again went out at  
6. a.m. came in at 4 p.m. Miles 60, - Ry fare 1.50,  
breakfast and dinner 1.00.



25<sup>th</sup> April 1870. -  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter by  
 Charles Goble Esq. dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 1870, in relation of the petition for the relief  
 of William, &c. &c. in the Township of ... and 2 others, - "As to the  
 seizure of a line by me above pointed out on Lake ... for ...  
 act of of ... &c. &c.?" - And now referred to me by you,  
 for my report."

The petitioners represent, 1<sup>st</sup>. The aforesaid William to  
 assure us, the undersigned that he had no idea he was vio-  
 lating the law in fish on the beach near Port  
 Albert, as he was not aware the grounds had ever been leased  
 by the Government."

In repl. I must report that this language, altho very  
 innocent and mild, is by no means true. - Mr. Vansickle is an  
 old country boatman, connected with the Fisheries Act, and  
 regulations, &c. was employed by me in drawing ... in  
 cases heretofore tried at Port ... before Charles Goble Esq.  
 J. P. - in which several persons were fined for contraventions  
 of the Act. - Ignorance of the Fisheries Act, &c. &c. stated  
 by the petitioner in this case may become every petitioner as  
 Mr. Goble, and his own words have been on the ...  
 they are in, where I found the same, &c. and which I signed, &c.  
 can't place any reliance on the latter statement, as the following  
 statement is of no effect. -

please refer to my report of 11<sup>th</sup> April 1870. -  
 2<sup>d</sup>. That his object in fish on the aforesaid grounds was  
 to find if the line could be ... in ...  
 least quantities to make it profitable and in the ...  
 ... to make application to the  
 Government to fish on the aforesaid grounds?" -

In reply to all this I did admit it, & I have to report that  
 the Order in Council is plain and very explicit on this head, and  
 cannot be ... the Fisheries Act and the petitioners are  
 familiar with it, as I had the same posted all over my district  
 and ... for ... such similar cases before  
 Charles Goble Esq. J. P. - and at Port ...

Fishing by means of ... apparatus ...  
 ... from the Department of ...  
 is prohibited on all the waters of ... - I told Vansickle to  
 after I had delivered him, the ... have applied to me  
 first, and I would have applied to you, for permission to  
 ... breaking the cables, &c. &c.  
 and fish of which I have ... and which ...  
 ... The petitioners I think ought to ...  
 down all such contraventions of the Fisheries Act.

3<sup>d</sup>. And from the character of the aforesaid Vansickle  
 the undersigned feel satisfied he would in no way in-  
 knowingly violate the law, in consideration of ...

in an unreserved hope the Government will take a favorable view of the matter, and direct the restoration of the property."

In reply to this special pleading, but no facts, and which carries no impression to my mind in his favour, I have to report that the boat seized on the occasion above to, for Contraventions of the Fisheries Act, &c, is the property of Mr. John Poulis, a Baker in Fort Erie, - who when he observed me at Fort Erie, on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, dispatched a boy and horse, to tell Vausickle, who was a distance of 10 miles from Fort Erie, to get everything hid out of the way, - as I was going up in the direction of Point Abino, - Vau: - and he told me all this, and he would have succeeded only it was blowing a gale off the lake which prevented them launching the boat. - - -

This and other facts which came to my personal observation has entirely set aside the Charles Hebles' innocent pleading for his Contraband. - - - The boat is the property of Mr. Charles Hebles, who drew up the petition, and heads the list of signers thereto. - Mr. Hebles told me so himself on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, when he called on me at the Hotel, where I was stopping, after my return to Fort Erie. - Vausickle told me, he was to give \$35, for the boat, and \$5, for the boat when he caught fish sufficient to do so. - Thus, you can form your own opinion. - - -

John Poulis and Emanuel Vausickle made two hauls at Point Abino last fall. - Mr. Whitchee, the Commissioner drew my attention to report of pound net fishing, and I went there and detected Vau - He would fish in for a long time without my knowledge. - He would then apply to the Government for a license to fish, such at least is my belief. -

I have no objection whatever to the Seine being restored, only I want five dollars I paid for a license, &c, engaged to carry the Seine, &c, to Fort Erie and Ikingia.

I hope in your decision you will inform the Fisheries our Fisheries Act is not to be trifled with. - - -

The good Seine landing grounds have now become nearly useless. I have to recommend that the Seine be laid off to suit the present state of the <sup>fish</sup> lake, between Woodville Point and Pt. Abino, as it is impossible to find a place I can find. - The fish are not as good as they were. I deem it advisable and I beg to recommend that the Seine be restored.

has the honor to submit the same. - And I further recommend that Mr Emanuel Vausickle be permitted to fish under a seine hauling license for of \$15, with a caution from you, to be more careful in the future. - - -

- - - The same answers have I understood small boys and some have small girls, I recommend that all be permitted to fish under a license from the Department. - And I have to recommend that you will be pleased to send me six black line hauls, and eight boat gill nets. - - -

I want three of the latter for Chippewa Lake, and with much respect, -

Hon. Minister,

Y. Y. Y.

I have &c

John W. Kerr, -  
T.O. -

20.

8. May 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for seine hauling licenses, for the undermentioned to fish in Lake Ontario, at Burlington beach, during this current season.

1. Mortimer Corey. - For seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 2, to be same as last year. 10.00.
2. Benjamin Golder. - For seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 6. 10.00.
3. David Fitch. - For seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 7. do. do. do. 10.00.
4. David McFayne. - For seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 11. do. do. do. 10.00.
5. Thomas Galt. - For seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach - Station No: 12. do. do. do. 10.00.
6. John Laake. - For seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach - Station No: 9. do. do. do. 10.00.

I have &c

The Hon. Secy

The Minister of  
Marine and Fisheries,  
Ottawa,

John W. Kerr

G. Mercer,

#### Burlington Bay Fisheries.

The following letter has been received by the city and county members:

GENTLEMEN, - The Minister desires me to inform you, that, in accordance with your request, net licenses will be discontinued in Burlington Bay after the termination of those already issued for the current season. The usual privileges of angling, trolling and spearing (the latter under special licenses for specific periods) will continue. Instructions to the Fishery Officers have been issued to such effect.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. I. WITCHER,

For the Hon. Minister of  
Marine and Fisheries.

Messrs. Thos. Bain, Jos. Rymal and A. T. Wood.

From the foregoing it will be seen that this question has now been effectually and satisfactorily settled, and we presume all parties interested will be gratified to know that their efforts to secure proper protection for the fish in Burlington Bay and the Dundas Marsh have at last been fully recognized by the Fishery Department, and that for the future no more favoritism in the granting of licenses can be indulged in by Mr. Fishery Inspector Kerr. -  
Dundas Banner.



Sir,

8. May 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for boat and gill net license for the Undermentioned to fish in Lake Ontario at Niagara, for this current year, the Licenses to be filled up the same as last year.

1. John Bolton, - 1500 yards of 5" mesh, extension measure, white fish gill net, and 1500 yards of 3" mesh extension measure, to be the same as last year. \$ 5.00,
2. James Cantwell do, do, to be the same as last year. \$ 5.00,
3. Charles, and Alfred Ball, do, do, to be the same as last year. \$ 5.00,
4. Messrs Joseph Masters, and John Reith, do, do, to be the same as the last year. \$ 5.00.

And with due respect

I have &c

Yours Minister,

John W. Kerr

O. A.

U. A.

8. May 1878.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for Seine hauling license for Mr. John Bolton of Niagara to fish at the two Mile Creek for White fish during this current season the license to be the same as last season.

I have also the honor to apply to you, for a Seine hauling license for Mr. James Cantwell of Niagara to fish in Lake Ontario at the two Mile Creek for white fish during this current season the license to be the same as last season.

Yours

Yours Minister,

John W. Kerr

O. A.

#### FISHING IN BURLINGTON BAY.

By reference to our Ottawa despatch, it will be seen that important changes are to be made in the regulations governing fishing inside of Burlington Bay. The new rules will prove satisfactory in securing "equal justice to all interested parties." Under the old rules equal justice was the exception and partiality the rule.

#### BURLINGTON BAY AND THE FISHERY REGULATIONS.

Some weeks ago a meeting of the farmers and other residents along the north shore of Burlington Bay was held, to discuss the fishery regulations in force there. The speakers deprecated the fact that they were entirely prohibited from netting and seining in the Bay, while the residents along the south shore had that privilege. Henry Binkley was chosen as a delegate to come to Ottawa and lay the case before the Department. Having arrived yesterday, he, with Messrs. Bain, Rymal and Wood, waited

this morning on the Minister of Marine and Fisheries who gave them his best attention. Having carefully discussed the matter Sir Albert Smith told the deputation that if the several members then present would embody their views of what was fair in several articles he would see that they were issued as instructions and were duly carried out. The following petition was presented:

To the Right Hon. Sir A. J. Smith, Minister of Marine and Fisheries:

SIR,—In terms of your reference at our interview with you this morning the undersigned representing the constituencies that border on Burlington Bay, have agreed respecting the fishing in the Bay as follows:

1. That at the termination of the present licenses issued for gill nets and seines (fourteen in number) inside of Burlington Bay, that no more licenses for nets or seines of any kind be issued inside of the Bay, and that the use of all such nets and seines be strictly prohibited; that the present arrangement by which the herring and pike spearing and spearing through the ice be continued—that is, on one license, from Nov. 10 to April 20, except a short time at the holidays—it being satisfactory to those interested.

2. That the hook and line fishing and trawling be continued under existing arrangements, the object being to secure that the fish shall be allowed a reasonable increase in the Bay, while at the same time equal justice shall be done to all interested parties.

The above was duly signed by the members present, and sent this afternoon to the Department where it will be acted upon.

Let

17 June 1895.

I have the honor to receive from you copy of James Larkins letter to the Hon. William Brewster dated 13th June 1895. I have the liberty of adding your name, hoping thereby to have the grievances which I have to complain of settled either for or against me, as you may think fit, as I cannot get any satisfactory settlement from the Treasury by this means.

1st. What I have to complain of is this, in the first place, the fishing grounds I rented at your little creek was  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile more or less, but was taken from me about 1882, and is now leased to a game and Hotel keeper in St. Catharines. The Hon. Wm. Brewster is the proprietor.

In reply to this part of the James Larkins letter, I have the honor to inform you, and I hope to say for you to my report dated as far back as the 23rd of August 1866, a period of 12 years and 7 months, which I read there under the title, "Grievances of James Larkins." Larkins was a man who by his means to make his land station and habitation of the St. Catharines Fisheries. Larkins and James Larkins on his old fishing ground, call at the time fishing station No. 10, comprising 25 acres of water instead of 25 acres of land with an acre on each side, as evidenced by a map of the time; it was Larkins who first introduced the Hotel keeper and his nephew a fisherman Mr. Larkins to me as a fishing station next to himself, and this is what he now brings up to you as grievances but you will perceive it has no bottom in it. The annual rental then was \$30, and this has since during the period of years been reduced to \$20, even to \$10, per year, but last season I put it up again to \$15, with your approbation; and thus you will please perceive that James Larkins has tried to do me wrong, but withholding from you, the reasons why!—wherefore, and the date of all this imaginary "grievances!" He had to make you think it had only been a happy accident to make the matter long, and he was disappointed a season, he has had Mr. J. B. Brewster M. P. of Niagara to take the matter before you, with his other reports of Mr. Larkins to the Commissioners.

Larkins was not only occupied the 20 chains of water of No. 10, station during the last 12 years, and 7 months, but he has had in addition another station No. 11, for the last 2 years.

2d. James Larkins, "I was of late the fishing was not so much as you have, so that I was not able to make my property of fish and I suffered very much, I would require to fish with hooks, and lines as well as using nets."

In reply to all this, I say that if fishing was poor, which is question, at least, as you was reduced from \$30, to \$10,—how is being treated with consideration I don't see what he has to complain of in this direction.

As to family, he has only himself and wife so that

now will please perceive the word variety, sounds very small  
in case.

3<sup>rd</sup> "To do that I require bait and bait can be caught, in  
the spring a river and out of my door, all the season round,  
and the permitting, &c. &c."

In reply to this answer of James Cantwell's answer - I  
want to point out that a license is not optional to all persons. I was  
Elliot, and boy, - the occupants and licensees of the Seine  
hauling ground in front of Mr. Cantwell's house, in the  
Niagara River, to which he refers; whether they allow him  
to fish on their ground for bait, or not. - The 13. section of  
the Act, states positively he cannot do so, except by the  
permission of the occupants, &c. &c. &c. For my part I do  
not find there is anything in the Fisheries Act, to compel a  
licensee of a Seine hauling ground, in the waters of Ontario,  
to allow another fisherman to fish for, and catch Herring,  
to be used for bait. -

However! I will give you, Mr. Thomas Elliot's words  
on the subject: "I gave him the privilege of fishing for  
bait, any place he chose on the fishing ground except  
on that part occupied by John Alford, but he replied it would  
be no use, and on that point occupied by John Alford,  
and John Alford states 'I offered him bait at wholesale  
prices.' " And I may here report that I was cognizant of  
all this myself.

"The grounds as I speak of for catching bait, are about  
1/2 mile long and are leased to two individuals, one of  
whom is an American, at about \$5. and \$15 per year  
respectively."

I may inform you in reply, that the grounds re-  
ferred to, are about the extent Cantwell says; But he  
has wisely omitted I presume to tell you, that at his instance  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1876, I applied to your Honor, - for a Seine  
hauling ground license - within the limits referred to. - License  
fee to be \$10. and after I received it from you, Cantwell  
came to take it. - He gave me no fish upon day,  
about 2 or 3 weeks ago. - He came to Elliot, and boy only  
so as to keep away his neighbors.

The grounds are licensed to three persons at present  
for \$20, instead of to two persons. Thomas Elliot is a  
Canadian. John Alford, the presumed American  
is an Englishman, and Thomas Elliot is a Canadian  
whose father and mother were Scotch.

Mr. Elliot has been in possession of the fishing ground  
since his father's death, in front of his house, and for about  
20 years. His name is sufficient upon him, which  
it was for a long time, an accident that James Cantwell  
got in front of the fishing ground he now occupies and



lies so much about.

5<sup>th</sup>. Now I had been paying rent to the Government and ever since the fisheries were leased out, and am I think deserving of fair play in this matter, what I ask is to be allowed to fish for bait on the grounds now occupied by John Alford, one of the parties above mentioned. --

In reply to all this, I have to report that Mr Thomas Elliot, has been paying rent for these grounds to the Government, before James Cantwell took up his residence at St. Agatha from B. beach, -- and Mr Elliot has always been practical in his payments, and I should <sup>deeply</sup> regret if you feel it now expedient to order him to take James Cantwell in as a partner in this fishery, which is just consulting Mr Elliot on the subject, and which is the identical thing James Cantwell tried to induce and persuade me to do, joining which, he has had to resort to you himself by the way of Mr J. B. Plumb & Co. p. --

6<sup>th</sup>. And for the said privilege I am willing to pay an extra license fee, in addition to what I now pay equal in amount to the sum paid by John Alford and I do not in any way wish him to be deprived of the right he now enjoys, I only want equal rights in the matter, I was promised the right I now ask by Mr. Kerr on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, but he now declines giving me it and that is my reason for troubling you in the matter. --

In reply I will have to give you the facts in this matter. It appears then, that when it was arranged by Mr Elliot, John Alford and I was consulted that John Alford, when he had this small piece of Mr Elliot's fishing ground near the Lauck House, Niagara River, of large logs and sticks he was to have the exclusive right to fish there so far as Elliot was concerned, and at a moderate nominal rental until the ground was cleared. -- Alford did not work, with continuous success, the aid of his friends, fishermen and others, (Cantwell excepted) succeeded in getting it cleared. It was in January (the 5<sup>th</sup>) that Cantwell being in (14) applied verbally to me to get out the license jointly with John (John M. Alford) as he is familiarly known. -- I said I must not tell Mr Elliot, I told Cantwell I must see Mr Alford first. -- I did see Mr Alford who informed me there was no arrangement between him and Cantwell big Jim -- that he Jim had never spoken to him about it and that he would never enter into any partnership with Cantwell. -- I also had previously told Mr Elliot and Mr. Alford, the other parties. -- James Cantwell then came to me at the time, his object was to be near home, as his

wife was going to the United States, (a Canada.) and he would  
if he got in with Uncle John, give up his fishing ground at  
the Little Creek. - I never made him any promise  
whatever, and I would not be a party to such an un-  
designed cunning trick - then he stormed, swore, cursed  
and threatened - after which he addressed this letter  
to your Honor. -

I may here state that last winter, being a very  
early open winter - Uncle John has reaped the fruits of  
his labour by catching <sup>herring</sup> on the ground, which  
he sold to advantage, he also caught <sup>herring</sup> splendid  
white fish, with his <sup>herring</sup> line but he instantly released  
them to their native waters & he will not I assure you  
eat the <sup>herring</sup> as laid down by your <sup>herring</sup> the guidance  
of <sup>herring</sup> . . .

Only one month or so in the spring of the year, can  
be led on the ground as <sup>herring</sup> and  
other <sup>herring</sup> . . .

In reply to all this, I must tell you, that I never knew  
of this, and I am sorry to hear of it, but to your  
honourable <sup>herring</sup> . . .

I am <sup>herring</sup> . . . in  
the <sup>herring</sup> . . . the <sup>herring</sup> . . .  
but no fishing is ever allowed on these <sup>herring</sup> except at the  
Landing, up the river 2 miles; - so that you must  
not believe me when I say that I am last  
week as telling you nothing but the truth. . .

I am <sup>herring</sup> . . . all the year round,  
and I am <sup>herring</sup> . . . that  
the <sup>herring</sup> . . . the right  
to <sup>herring</sup> . . . is  
plain, the  
way I am now situated if I desire to fish for trout,  
or other fish which take the <sup>herring</sup> . . . to pay a  
large price for <sup>herring</sup> . . .

In reply to all this, it is not correct to say  
that I am <sup>herring</sup> . . . at  
the <sup>herring</sup> . . . and desire to  
in <sup>herring</sup> . . . against <sup>herring</sup> . . .  
and <sup>herring</sup> . . . in  
the <sup>herring</sup> . . . at <sup>herring</sup> . . .  
again - who <sup>herring</sup> . . . to  
themselves in the other peoples company against their  
will and <sup>herring</sup> . . .

Let <sup>herring</sup> . . .  
be <sup>herring</sup> . . . in this matter, <sup>herring</sup> . . .  
for he advocates the wishes and <sup>herring</sup> . . .

... that nothing can satisfy. --

I cannot and I will not recommend that he should be granted any such privilege, as he tries to induce you, and me by stratagem to get him; a privilege of fishing in despite of others people's feelings who avoid him to the last of his will standing. --

Since during my tenure of office, has James Cartwright attempted to get fishing in the River lands, twelve years ago, when the Thomas Elliot was a little out of his mind, he tried it. It was only last year when the Elliot was slightly affected in his mind again. -- and now we are free; I can tell you, once more at his Courtous underhand work, I cannot be anything but plain spoken in what I feel it my duty to report to you. --

9<sup>th</sup>. Or sometimes send to Fort Erie 30 miles where if I be the right I ask, I could get all I want in front of my own door, and would be dependant on nobody. -- Hoping you will give your consideration, and waiting your answer. --

In answer to this I have only report that James Cartwright commenced his work for you, and he ends with another lie; Fort Erie is only 30 miles by Rail-way, from Niagara. -- The Niagara River above the Falls is now cut apart so far it is certain he will get no more bait from that place. -- If he had the village of catching fishing for bait, and need your this only, but into his mind last January, he should sell the fishing can not bait them, but being of Canadian opinion, I am not desirous saying one word to you in his name, because he has abundance of "Herring" and pickled fish nets and White Fish gill nets, with a seine 400 yards long, whilst Messrs Elliot & Co. have only four small seines altogether and with no gill nets whatever. --

My J. to Mr. Elliot, to p. knows the Thomas Elliot. Thomas Elliot, from the report, and I have no objection whatever, if you show him my report on James Cartwright's application, and with due respect. --

I have, &c.

Stor. Minutes,

John W. Carter,

P.O. --

P.S.

I attach letters from Mr. Elliot, 20<sup>th</sup> of April, and Albion, for as before the week, he wrote to me, Mr. Elliot is back and I would have had a letter from him. --

I have, &c.

P.O.



My dear Sir,

16. May 1878.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, I wrote you, and returned the five dollars, you gave me for a license to fish in Lake Erie, in front of your own property, township of Bertie.

Today, however I received authority from the department of Fisheries - Ottawa, to license in Lake Erie, from Niagara point to Port Colborne; so that you may on receipt of this resume your fishing again, and when I come up soon, you can give me back the \$5. again. With kindest regards.

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr.  
P.O.

Mr. Charles Murdock,  
Bertie.  
Ridgeway Post Office.

My dear Sir,

I have just received a copy of a letter from the Fisheries department, Ottawa, in reply to the application of James Lawrence, of Niagara to fish and catch bait on your seine hauling grounds at Niagara: - and for the information of all and every one concerned, I now send you a copy, and with kind regards to all believe me very sincerely

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr P.O.

16. May 1878.

Mr. Thos. Elliott,  
Niagara.

P.S. - As Big Jim may not read his letter to the other fishermen - you will please read the copy herewith to them and oblige. J. W. Kerr P.O.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 20. instant, I also received from the Fisheries department, copy of letter sent you, for the same.

I will send you the Boat some day next week, of which I will give you due and timely notice.

I was sorry to learn that Jacob Claus was fined \$9.204. and with kind regards.

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr  
P.O.

25. May 1878.

To,  
Messrs. Jno. N. Pullmer  
and  
Andrew R. Anderson  
Ridgeway.

My dear Sir,

11. May 1872.

I have to inform you, that I made an application to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, on the 2<sup>d</sup> of May instant, for a small fishing license being granted to you to fish during this season in Lake Erie, in front of your own place, in Huron, 20 miles from Portage: —

In reply to which I received the following answer: "Thus! — In answer to your letter of 2<sup>d</sup> instant, I am to state that this department is not at present prepared to grant fishing licenses to fish off the shores between Lake Erie, and the old fort, that is: —

and You must therefore for the present discontinue and stop all fishing of any description on your part, angling with rods, hooks and lines only permitted.

I send you also your license for \$5. per post office order, To the post office at Portage.

And with my best respects!

Yours truly,

Mr Charles Murdoch,  
Lot 21. Bertie,  
on Lake shore.

Ridgeway P.O.

Comd<sup>r</sup> Clerk

H. B. B. B.

Hamilton, Ont.

11. May 1872. —  
The H. B. B.

Monday. 20. May 1872. —

On B. beach, — found pig pens recently erected and found the stables of the Ocean House — also found rubbish on the beach of the Bay. placed these by the Messrs Hoods — Ocean House — drew the attention of Mr Hood to this in the Royal Hotel. the next day. — who promised to write the Insurance Co. to out at 9. a. m. came in at 6.30. p. m. bills 24, \$4 & B — 2.00. —

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter, you can have a license to fish the small lake referred to, by sending me the small fee of \$5. hoping you will remain successful in your fishing.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Rother,  
Colville.

John W. B. B.

25 May 1872.

Sir,

20. May 1878. -

I have the honor to report, that I deem it advisable to consult the Commissioner personally, about the adoption of fish tickets in Lake Ontario, in my division or all fishing purposes. - And the dispensation with some fishing altogether, - and with due respect,

I have

The Hon.

The Minister

John W. Kerr

F.O.

Sir,

20. May 1878. -

I have the honor to report that I want to come down to Ottawa, and endeavour through the department to obtain a piece of Government land at Niagara, upon which I propose to build a small fish breeding establishment. - - -

I hope to be able to do this, without asking any outlay or expense from the Fisheries department, hence I would like to have a personal consultation at the Fisheries department, Ottawa. -

And with due respect

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

F.O.

Wednesday, 22. May 1878. -

at Toronto, by request of Samuel Wilmot Esq<sup>r</sup> to meet Mr. James Niven - who had 10,000 salmon fry thence to Mr. Howland's Mills, River St. Huber, Dundas Street and delivered them to the waters of the Humber, back again to Toronto and home - went out at 6. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. - Miles 100. 144 W<sup>d</sup> 3.00. and My \$2. breakfast and dinner 60¢. 144 B. 1.50.

SALMON.—The other day a salmon was caught in the river at the town of Niagara. This is the first salmon caught in the Niagara during the last forty years. It weighed 8½ lbs. So much for our fish-breeding institutions and the protection afforded the fish.

SALMON FRY.—On Tuesday Mr. John W. Kerr, Fishery Inspector at this port, received a telegram from Mr. Samuel Wilmot, Superintendent of all the Government fish breeding establishments in the Dominion, asking him to meet his agent at Toronto. Mr. Kerr did so, meeting Mr. Niven, of the Sandwich breeding grounds, but now stationed at Newcastle distributing salmon fry. These two gentlemen proceeded to the Humber, and near Howland's mills deposited 10,000 salmon fry, 5,000 of which were hatched from eggs brought all the way from British Columbia. The selection of Mr. Kerr to assist in this work is a tribute paid to his intelligence and experience.

HAD BETTER PAY UP.—We are desired to say that those parties who have not paid their spearing license will be brought before the Police Magistrate at once by Mr. Kerr, the Inspector.



Set.

14 May 1873.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the petition of Messrs. Walter James and John Smith, of Fort Erie, lately received from the Niagara News office.

I am satisfied from my own personal knowledge and observation, that the statements made in the petition are strictly true and correct.

I also submit hereto an article I have this day cut from the Toronto Star, Newspaper and to which my attention has been drawn by Mr. John D. Chabert of this City a warm supporter of the Government.

In connection with this and other matters of interest in my division, I beg most respectfully to leave to you to Ottawa.

And with due respect

I have &c.

Non: Minister

John D. Chabert

5-2-

Set.

14 May 1873.

I have the honor to enclose you Bank of Montreal Draft No. 57, for the sum of Fifteen dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount to the hunting license in the Sixteen Mile Pond and also in the Ontario in front of the said pond, the same being in the Township of North and County of Lincoln.

In connection with this license I take leave to inform you that the St. Catharines Game and Fish Club through Mr. James Miller has told me they will not <sup>any more</sup> license the Sixteen Mile Pond, or other waters they have been in heretofore.

In consequence of which I recommend that the license do now issue to Mr. Richard Gilbert, for the current year.

I am, and with due respect

I have &c.

Non: Minister

John D. Chabert

5-2-

May 1885

May 1885

I have the honor to report that many various complications are now likely to arise on B. beach, in consequence of all that fishing being stopped in B. bay, after this year's licenses there terminate. . . .

For instance Mr. H. F. Birchy, the owner of the Ocean House there, near the canal, last year without my knowledge, applied to you for permission to build bathing boxes, boat houses, and other buildings on the fishery Reserve of one chain on the bay side of the beach, -- which the Minister not acceding to, Mr. Birchy it appears has gone recently to the Hon. Mr. Pardee, Commissioner of Crown Lands - Toronto, -- and as it appears, has got a patent for a portion of the chain reserve there, and marked on the map of the beach, got up by the Mayor and Corporation of Hamilton, -- simply I suppose because the Hon. the Minister declined Mr. Birchy's proposition to put up bathing boxes, &c. &c. during last year. . . .

A great many summer residences are now being built, on the Bay side of the beach, the owners and occupants of which are most desirous of occupying the fishery reserve between their respective lots, and the water edge of the bay. Some of those people paid a small license fee, for this privilege last year. . . .

To prevent any unpleasantness that might arise I desire very much to have a consultation personally thereon, with the Commissioner at Ottawa. . . .

I send you herewith attached articles I have cut from the daily papers of this city, about the recent action of Mr. H. F. Birchy, who must be restrained from meddling with the fishery reserve as heretofore licensed by him, without permission from the Department. . . .

This being now necessary, seeing that the licensing of stations for that fishing in B. bay on B. beach, &c. is no longer to be allowed by the Department. . . . and with due respect

I remain Yr. . .

Hon. Mr. Minister

John H. Kerr,  
P.O.

P.S. -- please write Hon. Mr. Pardee at once and stop all such patents being issued, -- as I understand they are being applied for, I mean so far as the Bay Fishing Reserve of 1 chain, or down on map of beach, in your Prof. . . .  
Yr. J. W. Kerr  
P.O.

Sir,

20. May 1878.

I have the honor to report in reply to the question put me in your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> instant; there! Were there seized, what kind were they, and what was done with them? The only fish caught, and the only one made the seizure.

John H. Gules, mentioned to me at the time, he would like Mr. Starn, a farmer living on the Lake shore where the seizure was made to get these fish, and he got them; Out of my hands.

Hon. Minister

I Have &amp;c.

John H. Gules

Sir,

20. May 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft \$50.00 for the sum of Five dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this sum as follows:

1. Messrs Richard and James Joyce, Bronte - For 3000 gill and gill net license in Lake Ontario, to fish 3,000 gill of Cisco gill nets in front of the Township of Bronte, year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of Decr next, amounting to \$5.00.
2. Thomas Joyce, Br. Beach - For same hauling license in Br. Bay, to terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1878, amounting to \$5.00.

And with due respect

Total \$10.00

I Have &amp;c.

John H. Gules

Hon. Minister

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter, and in reply I beg to inform you that I will come round next week to see you and several others who have applied to me for licenses to fish Series in Lake Erie.

I would have come sooner, only waiting for authority to come to me to do so, from the Fisheries department, and which I have now received.

Mr. Asa Pearce.

"Sherkston, R. Office.

Mr. Alfred Goodman.

Capt Colborne.

Daniel Neal Esq. J. P.

"Hamburton.

R. Office.

John H. Gules J. P.

25. May 1878.



Sir,

30. May 1878. -

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. in which you say, as regards the American fishermen still being hauling in the Niagara River, thus:-

"I am to enquire whether you are personally aware whether such statement is correct?" -

I am personally aware so far as seeing the series of American fishermen on their keels on the bank of the Niagara River at Black Rock, &c. and to being told by Nelson Forsythe Esq. J. P. Fort Erie, Custom House officers and several other respectable and reliable people residents in Fort Erie; who are my authority, and who assure of my telling you that the American fishermen have been told by Mr. Cook, a prominent Lawyer in Buffalo, to fish on in United States waters, which is interpreted: "The Niagara River, between the old Fort, Fort Erie, and the Niagara Falls?" - \*.

But not to fish in the inland waters or Creeks of the State of New York. - And that they, the American fishermen could not be stopped; while Canadian fishermen strictly obeyed your orders up to the letter. - -

Mr. Cooke has advised the American fishermen, that the Law to stop them fishing in the Niagara River must be Enacted by Congress at Washington - with these suggestions. -

I Have &c

Hon: Minister,

John W. Kerr

D.O.

p.s. -

\* Please read my letter to you, on this subject, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1877. \*

John W. Kerr D.O.

Thursday, 28. May 1878. -

at Port Colborne Bridge. Kingston, and Niagara, and on those points and their houses - who are going to fish in Lake Erie. - Heard nothing that is going on in the private matter of Mr. Sheppard - fishing at Kingston he had caught one bass, which he saw in the lake with Billy Mathews a fish peddler from Niagara, the previous Saturday, when passing by his residence and Jos: Johnson of Kingston had also seen them. Mathews told them he got them from the stands, meaning John Stand - who were fishing in American waters at Niagara. - Went out at 8. a. m. came in at 2.30. - Bill's fare \$3.75 & dinner 45¢. Tea 25¢ Horse and Buggy \$2. from Port Colborne to Bridge. -

Horse and Buggy from Bridge to Kingston 1.25. - from Kingston to Niagara - 1.25, - bed 25¢. H. Sheppard paid me \$4. on acct of license. -

Wednesday 29. May 1878. -

At Niagara, conversated with Robert Allan, Charles Bolton, Alfred Ball, Jos: Mathews, John Stand, &c. for catching small white fish in their three rich pickles and Herring gill nets set in American waters, fish being landed and sold in Canada. - Gave Charles Bolton \$2, for 12. White fish. - Heard that Mr. J. B. Clark, M. P. had written Mr. W. F. Whitby, Commissioner of Fisheries, Ontario, that the Americans were fishing for and catching bass in the American waters and asking same privilege for Canadians. - Breakfast 25¢ dinner 45¢ Stage 50¢ other incidentals 75¢ Bill's 1.00. -

Gentlemen,

8. June 1878.

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, just received, apprising me in the case of Mr. Allan's agent Emory Kennedy Esq. of Alton being soon to be at Brampton, and requiring to know where a Telegram will find me in case I am needed by you as a witness. - Monday next I intend going to Toronto, home here on Tuesday. -

If you will be pleased to telegraph me in the day, before the day the Court is fixed to come off at Brampton, I will endeavor to be there in attendance when the Court opens. -

Yours respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.

W. H. H.

Sir,

30 May 1878. —

I have to report, that I understand, and on yesterday afternoon from two persons who at Niagara told me, that Mr. J. B. Plumb M. P., for that place, had written Mr. W. F. Whitaker Commissioner of Fisheries - Ottawa; "That leave may be given to the Canadian fishermen and sportsmen to catch bass by American waters of Niagara River, near the American fort and land them in Canada" which I hope will never be permitted by you; It was reported in the press, Mr. Plumb, M. P., made ungrounded statements in the House of Commons, last Session of Parliament - He said that American fishermen trespassed and caught fish in Canadian waters at Niagara. —

He was asked at the time by the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to supply the facts, I hope for my sake you will be pleased to repeat the application, officially. —

In connection with this matter, I have also to report that Mr. Chester A. Starrie, reported to me on 28<sup>th</sup> instant, when at Fort Erie, that the Tonawanda Club, of Buffalo, went up Lake Erie to Point Abino bay, and in Canadian waters, caught 27 Bass on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, close season for bass. —

Now Mr. Starrie, who is one of the Canadian fishermen, deprived of seine fishing in the Niagara River, proposed that I should report this matter to you. — This Club keep three pleasure Yugs; which they daily employ in fishing excursions, and in the face of a Proclamation, dated 15, June 1868, as Foreigners, have no legal right to keep paps or catch fish at any time in the Canadian waters of Lake Erie, without the sanction of the Fisheries Department, Ottawa; which so far as I know has not yet been promulgated by you. —

I beg to suggest that I be authorized to employ a Yug, with sufficient force to capture these three Yugs on our waters. —

I send you a copy of the Proclamation herewith. — Respectfully Submitted,

I Have &amp;c

Hon. Mr. Whitaker

John W. Laro

D. O.

Proclamation follows! —

Hon. Mr. Whitaker, If a subsequent order has been given this notice, please let me have it.

J. B. Plumb

John W. Laro

D. O.



1st,

30 May 1878,

I have the honor to receive your order dated 18 May instant in connection with top of the order you sent to Messrs. Hulmer and Hardison. Ridgeway.

Before obaying your order, I wish to tell you, that I paid \$4.25 of carriage and freight to bring this Boat from Ridgeway to Niagara. Besides carrying.

I think this amount should be paid by Messrs. Hulmer and Hardison, and therefore beg to apprise you on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

I have to  
John H. Kerr  
D.O.

P.S. - I don't think the Department should be called on to pay this \$4.25 if Hulmer himself advised himself, having advised me to place the boat in security.

1st,

30 May 1878,

I have the honor to report that I have been to see Judge Stephen Wilson is Judge of the Peace for the County of Wentworth. Given one dollar and two dollars in security for me and looks for appearing with Dundas allowed on 4th instant. - -

I have paid the fine James Cahill to Mr. Hamilton, was presiding Magistrate. -

Yours faithfully,

I have to  
John H. Kerr  
D.O.

Friday 30 May 1878. - -

On the Beach, early in the day. - - Saw some again saw Poole's and all the fishermen - Back again and was present when Jack Laaffe hauled in saw Dan's large haul in - fish small, he let off a large quantity, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 3 p.m., while about 20. 1878. 2nd.

Sir:

1<sup>st</sup> June 1878.

I have the Honor to send you Bank draft No: 144, for the sum of three dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current season as follows:

1. Mr. Henry Sheppard, Queenstown, for Seine hauling License in the Niagara River there, License already received; - sent on a/c't. \$4.00
2. Messrs Charles and Alfred Bull, for Seine License in Lake Ontario, at Niagara; License already received and delivered. - - 5.00

Total sent, \$9.00

Yours truly,

I have to

acknowledge

My dear Sirs:

6. June 1878. -

With reference to my letter to you of the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, regarding my returning your Boat, - I have now to inform you that the Minister further states to me in a letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> day of May last; Thus! - "I am to state that Messrs. Gulliver and Stoddison, must pay all costs, and expenses connected with the seizure of their Boat."

I may add in connection with the above that there is still due for Carriage and storage of your boat, a sum of \$4.00, upon receipt of which I will send your boat to any place you may instruct me.

Messrs. John H. Palmer,

and Alfred R. Stoddison,

Niagara Falls.

Yours truly,

John W. Kerr

N.Y.

Wednesday, 4, June 1878.

Mr. R. Beach saw Mr. J. H. Corey hauling, made him put back a quantity of small White fish caught or hauled in, in his regular legal Seine. J. H. Corey - also hauled - reasoned and spoke to them. Mr. Beach saw John J. Corey about catching these small White fish - went out at 5:15, P.M. - returned at 12 - midnight - returned with me, 84 Buggy 1.50. - Miles 24. J. H. Corey paid me \$5. on a/c't.

Sir:—

14. June 1868.

I am just in receipt of your letter of 31<sup>st</sup> May, in which you are pleased to refer to the printed Notice I received from the department in 1868, and your Office Copy, I made the Copy I sent you.

Thus! With reference to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing copy of a public notice issued under your name in 1868, warning foreigners against fishing in Canadian Waters, I am to caution you to be very careful in future in so using the Ministers name and authority and not repeat it.

From the tenor of this quotation, you lead me to believe, that you think I originated this public notice myself; when the facts are you sent me a package of them, with instructions to sign my name thereto, and post them up, which I did, more particularly at Fort Erie.

It was with the intention of reminding you of the Foreign element of fishing now being carried on in Canadian waters in the neighbourhood of Buffalo, even on the Sabbath, by people in those pleasure boats, as I heard, that I took the liberty of sending you the Copy I did; so that you may or might if necessary, or so think it expedient to withdraw or alter this embargo on Foreigners.

This public notice emanated from the department, Ottawa.

I have not in this instance you refer to, used, and do not mean to use the Ministers name in the manner you have accidentally I presume attributed to me.

I remain, &amp;c.

Hon: Minister.

Y. Y. Y.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

P.S.— I send you a Copy of Notice I receive as alluded to above.

J. W. Kerr  
D.O.

On the 15. July 1868,— I gave Chester A. Harris J. Erie, two Copies of this proclamation,—

J. W. Kerr,  
D.O.





Tuesday, 11, June 1878. -

On the Island, the Port and Leslieville have been  
Lang, - and Wm Woodard, the latter paid me 10 for li-  
cense fee, for remainder of the year to fish at Leslieville  
bay between there, and Port Union - he has 4, the 1st of  
Feb. 1878 - Thence to the Police Court - charged Charles  
picking with shooting place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of May,  
he pleaded guilty, and was fined 1, and costs. -

Thence home, - gave Thomas Simpson one dollar, for  
rowing me down to Leslieville and back, My fare 1,  
breakfast and dinner 50c - slides 52. - - Boat 1.

Thence to B. beach, to answer telegram from  
Col. H. V. Villiers - and to speak to Mr John Wood, for  
erecting bathing houses in B. bay - see my report  
saw J. H. Corey, and Dan; Mr Wynnes crew hauling, and  
in at 12, mid night, miles 26. Mr. B. B. B.

Sir,

12, June 1878. -

With reference to your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> May, replying to  
my report dated 20, May last, in Mr H. V. Villiers case, which you  
conclude thus: "What object is there in burdening ourselves  
with its care and disposal?" -

In reply to this, I might, I suppose say; why let  
it slide, was it not that I have always heretofore, and I still  
hold a warm interest in the fisheries of B. beach, so diffi-  
cult at all times from conflicting interests, and as I have  
and them to manage. - - -

Mr H. V. Villiers, when he purchased the Ocean  
House holding on B. beach, for \$2000, stopped in to her share,  
as a fisherman - he built the Ocean House there the site  
of which he pays \$200, per year. - -

Mrs Perry, the successor of the late James Waddell,  
fisherman - "Canal Reserve" - pays a like sum of \$200 - a year, -  
to the Dominion Government Board of Works - for the privi-  
lege she also enjoys there. - - While the same having an  
all net fishing in B. bay being now cancelled the fish-  
ery reserve of one chain on the Bay side of B. beach,  
drops as it were into oblation, and in future every one can  
possess it even although hereafter fishing there may  
be again revised and become a grand surplus in  
the Land. - - -

Allow me to tell you Sir, - That no sooner  
was it noised abroad - that you had stopped all net  
fishing in B. bay, than the Wood, Bros, proprietors of the  
Ocean House thereon, constructed a pier of pegs from  
on the very edge of the waters of the bay, thus it  
allowed to remain polluting our waters and the  
wholesome air of that community.

Upon my remonstrance these were pulled down again and removed. . . .

I report, at this present time, Hood (Brother) have commenced to build three small Bathing boxes, on a platform in the waters of B. bay, 37 ft out in the water. . . . Mr. H. G. Birchley, telling them he had a license of the same; and Mr. Jno. Hood, to some last evening they were putting up another bathing house in the water on the fishing grounds there. . . . At the last year when Mr. Birchley applied to you for permission to do these things, you were pleased to tell him, he could not do so. . . .

Now what I do think about this matter, is this, That as it has become expedient for the time being to stop all net fishing in B. bay, I hope it will not be out of place on my part to recommend that these bathing boxes, be permitted, and the usual Annual license fee should be paid for the privilege. . . . Because fishing being stopped in the bay, Birchley declines to pay license fee this year. . . . He also declines to pay license fee, for C. Ontario's fishing grounds any more. . . .

I hope you will excuse me, but I cannot regain your stating. . . . That the Fisheries department should not be any more liberal, about the fishery reserve, see Map of B. beach in your possession, than the Board of Works department, of the Dominion. . . .

The Board of Works department not requiring the Canal Reserve there, for Canal and navigation purposes, have rented it under lease; and the Fisheries department not now requiring the Reserve on B. bay side of the beach to haul seines upon, land boats, or erect reels, should I think utilizing it in another laudable and profitable manner, especially as this opportunity presents itself. . . . and thus it is, that I think there is an object in burdening ourselves with its care and disposal? . . . or you might order the removal of everything altogether. . . . establishing the fact, that you have still control over the premises, the Chain Reserve from the water edge. . . .

Mr. Baatzen is very willing to pay a license fee, for the privilege of having a Boat House for the accommodation of the guests of the Ocean House to go fishing and angling; and he paid off 5, for this privilege last year. . . . Mr. & Mrs. H. Foy who have suburban residences on the bay side of the beach paid off 10, last year for the privilege of enjoying the fishery Reserve in front of them.



residences, and why not the Ocean House proprietors pay for their stables and bathing houses, especially with the good example of the Board of Works as an evidence in these premises. . . .

And more especially when it is an every day occurrence that fishermen there are selling out, removing and with the means acquired for the holdings they disposed of. . . .

I had a conversation with Mr. A. G. Wood, M. P., for Man-  
itoe, on yesterday, and he would like the Stood Bros<sup>3</sup>  
were allowed to put up these bathing boxes for public  
convenience and for decency as well. . . .

However to satisfy the department on the subject, I would  
strongly recommend that Mr. Whitche, the Commissioner should  
come up examine and see the place himself and what  
is going on there. - He visited B. beach with me  
several years ago before, and another visit of inspe-  
tion will report the department. . . .

I trust everything I have herein stated will be received  
by you in the interest, profits and future protection  
of the fisheries, and fisheries reserves on B. bay. B. Bay  
for which alone it is intended. . . .

And with due respect,

Am. Minister,

H. H. H.

Attawa,

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr J. W.

No.

Friday 14. June 1878. -

On B. beach - found that all seine hauling fishermen  
Jack Laafe amongst the rest, that is to say: Culpe,  
Mark, Croy - David Ditch, Jack Laafe, Ben: Golder, Ben:  
McGwynne, and H. B. Croy, - Warned them every one on  
the subject of catching small white fish - went out  
at 5.30. p.m., came in at 1. a.m. Miles 26. At B. 1.50.  
Ed: Kerr, with me. -

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. I have no further explanation to make, than what my last letter to you contains. - - -

When you comply with a sum of \$4.00 the claimed and sanctioned by the Fisheries department, you shall have an order from me to the person who has the boat for you in his safe keeping. - - -

I believe the boat will be found in the same condition you saw it in when seized. -

Yours truly,  
Co. Mfg<sup>s</sup> Gulliver and  
Hardison -

John L. Less J. &  
Hamilton, Onto

Ridgeway Post Office. 3. June 1878. -

Saturday, 15. June 1878. -

At Toronto, Port Union, Leslieville - Preschman's bay, - and back to Port Union, and on to Leslieville, went to Preschman's bay, on receiving information that Joe Black, deceased fisherman - was fishing an illegal seine, and catching small white fish.

On arriving at Port Union learned that Dave Thompson was fishing a seine (he had no license) heard from S. Wright, that on the previous Saturday night, both seines fished all night, and up to, and past day light on Sunday morning - and that the seines were illegal for catching white fish. - That they had hauled before I got there on this evening - on Friday night Black hauled in two salmon, but did not liberate them as bound to do by the license. - - -

In consequence I stopped everything seine 12 ropes - examined the seines - entered your name all the rest of the week 2<sup>nd</sup> extension measure -

After having boated the seine and ropes proceeded back to Port Union - after a rest of an hour on to Leslieville in Mr. Joe Moore's boat. Peter Josline and Sam. Marshall doing the Rowing. Peter's son in-law went down with me to St. Mary's and back to Port Union - went out at 8. A. M., Saturday, came in at 6. A. M., on Sunday - Mile 102.

Yours 1.80. dinner and tea for two 80¢. Breakfast for three 75¢. dinner and tea and bed for self on Sunday 75¢ - Peter Josline \$3. Sam. Marshall \$3 - and John Davis - Peter's son in-law \$1.50¢. The Boat \$2.

Sir,

17. June 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday night last, at Frenchman's bay, township of Pickering; I seized two fishing seines, and five coils of rope lines, the usual quantity used for seine hauling.

The seines are the property of Joseph Black fisherman, of the Rouge Hill - who holds a license; and the other seine belongs to David Thompson of Scarborough, who has no license.

On Friday night last, Black's seine caught two salmon - but he did not liberate them, as he is bound by his license to do. - His seine is illegal for catching white fish; Thompson has no license at all; - and both fished, and caught young white fish, with an illegal seine in contravention of the fisheries act; and for doing which, I will prosecute them and their confederates.

Those people on guiding out, that I was in the neighborhood last Saturday night, immediately cleared out, leaving seines and ropes behind, which I seized, and took up the boat to Toronto - after this I will report further particulars.

I Have &amp;c

John W. L. S. D.O.

Hon. Ministers  
Y. Y. Y.

Sunday 16, June 1878. -

at Leslieville, dried the seines and ropes - thence to Mr. P. Prays at the Island, where the seines and ropes were given in charge, placed in the Bowler's Alley - went out at 2 p.m. saw a 6. p.m. ship 18 - Boat #2. - Lee - March with me - tea and bed.

Saw seven boats out angling in Ash-bedges bay - but could not see them.



Monday, 17. June 1878. -

at Toronto Island, - placed the Series and ropes in safe keeping there, thence home, - went out at 8. a.m., came in at 2.30. p.m., Miles 46. Boat 25, breakfast 30 cts. Railway fare \$1.00. -

18. June 1878.

Mrs Emma Carter paid me \$10. for year 1877, on fishing station No: 8, in L.O. on B. Beach. - -

19. June 1878. - - -

I have to send you herewith Bank Draft, No: 132, for the sum of ten dollars, to pay because fee on fishing station No: 8, - in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> day of December last. - - -

This station was licensed by Wm Podkin for a great many years, and until recently, when he departed this life and was buried. - - His wife also died a time before him. - -

I may here state that from failing health, and bad success in fishing, he has been unable to pay his license fee for years 1876, and 1877. - still I permitted him to fish on, feeling as I did that the department would sanction what I had done, in a case of humanity, such as his was, with a blind wife. - - -

Mrs Emma Carter of Hamilton, daughter to the late Mrs Podkin, and step daughter to the late Wm Podkin, now applies for the license of the ground; I have therefore much pleasure in recommending that you will be pleased to grant her the license of the same. - -

The amount now sent is for last year. - While the amount for the year 1876, - I recommend may be cancelled. - - -

Mrs Carter will pay the license fee, for this year, which I recommend may be placed at five dollars, as no fishing has been done thereon, this year, up to the present time. - - -

I was talking to Podkin two days before he died and with due respect,

I have

John D. H. C.O.

#### EUROPE.

France paid Sweden \$60,000 for the Island of St. Bartholomew.

A Times editorial about the Fishery Award says the English Government have no course open to them except to take money without enquiry and without qualms of conscience. England is aware of no circumstance which affects the integrity of the tribunal. Had she been, she would not have waited for the Award to have repudiated its authority.

#### THE HALIFAX FISHERY AWARD.

The London "Times" on the American Appeal to England.

LONDON, June 22. - A Times editorial on the Fishery Award says: - The English Government have no course open to them except to take the money without enquiry and without qualms of conscience. England is aware of no circumstance which affects the integrity of the tribunal. Had she been she would not have waited for the award to repudiate its authority.

My dear Sir.

20. June 1878.

I have received from the Department, Ottawa, Orders to give back the Boat Hollow Craft, with Sail and Oars, to Messrs Fuller, and Hardison, of Bertie.

They will hand you an Order from me to this effect.

Get from them a receipt on the back of the Order.

The Gill Net, the Hooks and Lines, are all Consecrated to the Crown. - So you will still keep them - "for me?"

Get Alfred Ball to put in a new row-  
 pin to replace the one broken - immediately.  
 And with kind regards

Yours truly  
 J. H. W. W. W.  
 Niagara.

J. H. W. W. W.  
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 J. H. W. W. W.

Mr Thomas Elliot. I will you be pleased to  
 deliver up to Messrs John H.  
 Fuller, and Andrew R. Hardison  
 of Bertie. the Boat, "Hollow Craft" with pair of Oars  
 and Sail: left by me in your possession. - for safe  
 keeping. - And for doing which, this your authority.

Hamilton, Onto.  
 20. June 1878. -

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J. H. W. W. W.

Gentlemen,  
 Yours received with enclosure  
 please find enclosed my Order to Mr Thomas  
 Elliot of Niagara, to whom I have written - and  
 he will deliver up to you the Boat, Oars and  
 Sail on your producing to him the same.

Messrs

John H. Fuller,  
 & Andrew R. Hardison,  
 Bertie.

J. H. W. W. W.  
 J. H. W. W. W.  
 J. H. W. W. W.

20. June 1878.

Friday 21. June 1878.

At Toronto, to see C. H. Wray, and Mr Boyle  
 for having the young of White fish for sale. Got from  
 Capt. Wray and George Johnson. got out summonses for  
 them - thence home - went out at 8. am. came in  
 5.30. p.m. Miles 90, went up to Port Credit (fisheries to  
 view them and catching small white fish.  
 By train 7.2. At 8.0. Breakfast & dinner.

My dear Sir,

Will you be please to have the  
five dollar bill, Bank of Commerce, No: 139,154, and  
dated May 1<sup>st</sup> 1867, herewith, to the Undersigned  
be Constable, Mr John Kohl, Port Erie, in  
payment for team engaged by Mr J. K.  
Lyons, to go up to Port Clinton and with  
Kind regards to you and Yours, -

M. C. Christian Esq  
Hotel Niagara  
N.Y. City.

Yours faithfully,  
John Kohl  
No.

22 June 1878. -

Saturday 22. June 1878. - -

On N. beach named all the fishermen they must  
not fish on Saturday nights, nor before 6 o'clock a.m.,  
on the following Monday morning - stopped J. H. Core,  
who was just taking his seine off the beach; -

S. P. Cliffe was present, went out at 4 p.m. came  
in at 12 midnight. - 24, 4 60, 1.50.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1878.

Gave J. H. Core, his license for station No: 8,  
in S. Ontario on N. beach, for J. H. Lyons pair  
his license for station No: 10. - It is supposed  
J. H. Core, landed on Saturday or Sunday nights  
22. and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, notwithstanding my reason-  
ing. - went out at 5.30. p.m. came in at 11.30.  
p.m. - 24, 4 60, 1.50.

Monday 24. June 1878. -

Went to Port Clinton and Frenchmans bay, and  
the Range Hill back to Buffins Creek - saw John Brown,  
James Taylor - Moon. Yankee Pete, Sol. Wright,  
Wes. Thompson. Old Mr Stoner, got all the information  
I required, against Joe Black and 9 others for fishing  
for catching, holding and selling small white fish in  
contravention of the Fishers Act, saw Jas. Linton, the  
Constable, who went out with me, and served James  
Taylor with summons. went out at 8 a.m. came  
in at 1 p.m. - 24, 4 60, 1.50. Breakfast, dinner  
tea and bed 1.20, - 24, 4 60, 1.50.



Tuesday, 25. June 1878. -

Attended before the Police Court, held at Dufferin Court,  
before Mr. Bunting and John Parker Esqrs J.P.s

Joseph Black, David Thompson, Nelson Holburne, John Van Stom, James Philcox Sr., James Philcox Jr., James Taylor, James Keeler, and Susanna Palmer - of Black's, and Philcox's, who were charged by me, for fishing for catfish and white fish and salmon with illegal seines in Lake Huron, on several occasions in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -  
And also for selling the same. -

Joseph Black, David Thompson, and Nelson Holburne were fined \$2. each, and costs, or ten days in jail, and they were allowed 20 days within which time to pay the same; To wit: Joe Black, \$2 fine, and \$2.05¢ costs or 10 days in jail. - Wilson Holburne \$2 - and \$1.95¢ costs, - or - do - and David Thompson \$2, and \$1.85¢ costs, - or ten days in jail, and the seines (2) their property, and ropes for hauling - were confiscated. And John Van Stom - was fined \$1, and \$1.85¢ for selling the fish - 2 salmon, he sold for \$1.10¢ each, and the white fish for 60¢ per dozen - down as low as 25¢ per dozen, and several dozen, even below 25¢ say for 15¢ per dozen - James Philcox Sr. was fined \$1, and \$1.85¢ costs, or 8 days in jail - James Philcox Jr. \$1, and \$1.95¢ costs, or 8 days in jail, James Taylor, \$1, and \$2.05¢ costs, or 8 days in jail, - James Keeler - fined \$1, and \$2.25¢ costs, or 8 days in jail, and Susanna Palmer - fined \$1, and \$1.85¢ or 8 days in jail. - These latter except Van Stom, were the hands who fished for Black & Co. -

Robert Black, will be also summoned up - as he is part owner of the boat - on which some of the other Mr. Bunting will send half the fines to the Receiver General, and keep the other half for me. -

All the cases were well and satisfactorily presented and acknowledged by all - I had not to produce a single witness outside of the ones who fished - The cases lasted from 10. a.m. until 6. p.m. - charges for attending Court \$1.50¢ - breakfast dinner tea and other \$1.00¢

Wednesday, 26, June 1878. -

At Toronto Police Court, Patrick Gray, George J. Gurney, Mrs. Doyle, and C. H. Berry. - were fined \$2, each or 10 days in jail - for having young white fish in their possession - Thence on to Port Credit, to warn Francis Reid about catching small white fish - went out at 3.50 a.m. came in at 4. p.m. plus 75. By fare \$2, 14¢ Co. \$1. breakfast and dinner 65¢

1st July 1878.

1st July 1878.

I have the honor to report that on Wednesday  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, I was obliged to summons, Messrs.  
Patrick Fay, and George Eerhany, of the Toronto Is-  
land Fisheries; they were fined two dollars each, for  
catching the young of white fish; and Mrs. Mary Doyle  
and C. St. Bray - fish dealers of the City of Toronto, were  
also fined two dollars each for buying and selling  
the same on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June last, which they  
paid. . . .

You will thus please see how necessary it is,  
that seine hauling of all kind should be stopped al-  
together, during the month of June, seeing that young  
white fish are so very numerous. . . .

Gill Nets of the legal size, should be at  
once ordered to take the place of the seines. . . .

Hon. Minister,

I have &c

John W. Kerr  
C.O.

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Minister of Marine,  
and Fisheries, - Ottawa, -  
Honorable Sir.

We the undersigned two of Her  
Majestys Justices of the Peace, for the County of Ontario, have  
had this day laid before us a charge against Wilson Hol-  
born, Joseph Black, and David Thomson, for fishing  
and catching white fish and salmon in Lake Ontario, in  
contravention of the Fisheries Act. . . .

Having acknowledged themselves guilty, we have  
fined them two dollars each, and Costs, and also Confi-  
scated their nets. . . .

Although we could do nothing else according to  
law, yet it is our opinion that it would be well to  
allow them nets back again as we believe they  
have transgressed the law through ignorance of it,  
and are men of very poor circumstances, and cannot  
well afford to lose their nets, having no other  
means of support.

Dated at Pickering, (Breslau Township) J. P.,  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1878. John Walker, J. P.,

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1<sup>st</sup> July 1878.

In continuation of my report to you dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, I have now the pleasure to inform you that the same are now being.

The seine I seized on the occasion referred to, had "one of them", about four yards of a white fish seine, all good in its kind, while the balance of the seine was all much below the regulation sized mesh for white fish seines, being 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 3" mesh and a net with a mesh of 2" - see sub section 3, of section 7, of the Fisheries Act.

The other seine a New one has about 6 yards of a larger white fish seine in it, while the balance of the seine is smaller mesh, and is composed of twines that inevitably grows smaller, and is left in large now, than when first made; and except the centre of this seine is altogether illegal for catching white fish (the small run of June?) or salmon, see sub section 3, of section 7, and sub section 4, sub b, of section 7, of the Fisheries Act.

Mr. Joseph Black, referred to, has a copy of the Fisheries Act, for his guidance, but during the trial, just recently held, he attempted to make the law only to his own advantage; while the evidence of two witnesses who hauled, proved, that the legal centre of these seines were always pulled to one side; and so illegally made the haul in the small illegal meshes of the seines, thereby catching the young of white fish, some of which were sold as low as 15¢ per dozen.

Then as regards the two salmon caught, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, they were male salmon, and weighed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds each, and were sold for \$1.10 each.

In the license issued to Joseph Black. - There is a clause inserted by you, thus! "In order to protect the young white fish, no sterring seine shall be fished or hauled on this ground?"

Now whilst this law is being observed by Mr. Thomas Mansfield, on the next adjacent seine hauling ground, Mr. Joseph Black, David Thomson, Robert Black, and William Holburne, wilfully appears to have broken the law. Black when confronted with by his own hands, his men, when the salmon were hauled in, told them back in reply, it is all right, I have the law, and it says, salmon can be caught, between the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, and 31<sup>st</sup> of July, see section 7 of the Fisheries Act, also that salmon could be caught every where during this period except as contained in sub section c. of section 7, of the Fisheries Act; thus ignoring the size of the meshes of seines, for catching white fish and salmon altogether, displaying at the same time a thorough and perfect knowledge of the law, where it is just as it was to his Black's advantage.

There was a distinct understanding between Black, and me, that if any salmon were hauled in, they were to be instantly liberated, and the young white fish, were to be liberated also. - But in no instance was there



to fulfilled on the part of Mr. Joseph Black, David Thompson, and Willis Stolburne, and the other cases, I. and a. on the 14th of June, and have already referred to, in former report. ---

On the 14th of June, that B. Bunting J. P. of South Ontario, upon my complaint, issued process against Joseph Black, Robert Black, David Thompson, Wilson Stolburne, John Van Horn, James Philcox Sr., James Philcox Jr., James Taylor, James Keeler, and Seneca Graham, of Pickering. &c.

The fishing, catching, killing, buying, and selling and having in their possession the young of white fish and two salmon caught with illegal seines, in S. Ontario, at Frenchmans bay, on the 14th of June, and other days with illegal seines in contravention of the Fisheries Act."

These summonses were made returnable at 10 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday last 25th June; Mr. Joseph Black, on arriving at St. Johns Creek applied to Mr. Bunting J. P. for a letter for John Parker J. P. of Dunbarton, requesting his assistance also in the above cases. --- This was complied with, and Mr. Parker who was absent in the City of New York, appeared about 1 o'clock, p.m.

All cases lasted all day, and almost in all the cases the defendants pleaded guilty; and were all fined as follows: ---

- 1st Joseph Black, fined \$2, and \$2.05 Costs. ---
2. David Thompson, " " 2, and " 1.85, Costs. ---
3. Wilson Stolburne, " " 2, and " 1.95, Costs. --- or ten days in Jail, and the seines and ropes were confiscated. --- They got twenty days within which time to pay the same. ---
4. John Van Horn, fined \$1, and \$1.85 Costs, or 8 days in Jail. ---
5. James Philcox Sr. fined \$1, and \$1.85 Costs or 8 days in Jail. ---
6. John Philcox Jr. fined \$1, and \$1.95 Costs or 8 days in Jail. ---
7. James Taylor, fined \$1, and \$2.05 Costs, or 8 days in Jail. ---
8. James Keeler, fined \$1, and \$2.25 Costs or 8 days in Jail. ---
9. Seneca Graham, fined \$1, and \$1.85 Costs, or 8 days in Jail. ---
10. Robert Black was not summoned. ---

At the conclusion of these trials Mr. Joseph Black got down on the stool of repentance

finding that he was misled into, and blamed by all the persons named herein whom he had led on by his interpretation of the law to a fine and costs.

A severe example is necessary to be made in this case so far as Black, Thomson and Stollbone, the owners of the seines, are concerned.

The worthy magistrates who tried the cases against me with these people to some extent, and I cannot but commend the restoration of the seines, because they are so different from many other seines, being a square seine with a net, put in for deception, and used to catch a fish in, while the entire balance of each seine was made of 2½" and 3" inches extension meshes, an illegal seine, to be fished in any case, and made doubly so, by deceptive practices in hauling that was always carried on.

Although I would like to join in, with Mr. Beattie, J. P. who for the last twelve, nearly 14 years, has bravely under great trials, stood by me, the good friend of the fisheries on all occasions, I cannot do so now, as it would be too glaring for me to do it in this instance.

I however submit the petition of the magistrates for your consideration; If the Hon. the Minister should order the seines to be restored, it shall not suffer me to suffer any. - The seines however cannot be fished any more.

And in fact, I have found out so much by these trials of the catching and distribution of small young white fish that I am compelled to recommend that seining for white fish during the month of June, be discontinued for all time to come.

There is no use in stocking Lake Ontario, with white fish fry, and with salmon fry, and have them all caught up in June, with illegal seines. - Small white fish have been more numerous last summer and this, during the month of June, than I have ever seen them before, it has therefore, become imperative upon me to lay the matter before you in truth and sincerity, hoping that you will at once be pleased to adopt a remedy for their protection, by stopping all seining, during the month of June in future.

I do not care much to tell you about the privation I encounter, and those who are with me in cases of this kind. I may here report however, that after I made the seizure, in section 18, of the Act, I started with the seines in ropes and two men in a small boat, distant 20 miles to Lakesville, encountered two thunder storms, got out all through and only reached there at 6. P. M., next morning, completely exhausted and worn out.

The expenses for removing the seines to, and from the distance of being necessary, is \$10.00.

I found it necessary to make for their safe keeping  
 section. with profound respect,  
 I Have &c.

The Minister  
 H. H. H.

John W. Kerr  
 D.O.

Dear Sir,

2nd Dec. 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith a bill  
 amounting to the sum of the quarter ending the 30th day of  
 June 1878, which amounts to: -

add, Voucher No. 1. - Office Rent,	5.00,
" " " 2. - Livery charges -	2.15,
" " " 3. - Stationery, &c.	1.30,
" " " 4. - Telegraphs. -	3.31,
" " " 5. - Postages. -	1.93,
" " " 6. Boatman, C. J. Kerr,	5.00

Total \$143.04

You will please find by my diary, that I have  
 travelled during the quarter just ended 2,033 miles on  
 active duties which was actually necessary for the  
 due and efficient performance of the same. -

The expenditure per mile is only 7¢, and with  
 due respect,

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Minister of  
 the Interior

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr  
 D.O.



Immediate.

4. July 1876.

Sir, I have the honor to report that Mr. John Davis, fish dealer, Hamilton, had speckled trout in his possession in the market here today, for sale and did sell some of them, that had evidently been caught with a small gill net, see section 8. of the Fisheries Act. --- Some of them were upwards of 1 pound. ---

I had the balance of the box of speckled trout seized, and Mr. Davis, before James Cahill Esq<sup>r</sup>, J.P., who <sup>was</sup> examined he said he received the small box last evening by express, on the Gt<sup>h</sup> West Railway, perhaps from the Andrew Port of Collingwood. --- Mr. Davis and I hunted up and found the address, which I now send you. ---

Mr. Davis was allowed by Magistrate to take the speckled trout, I had seized, back, sell them, and account for the proceeds. ---

And in the mean time the case being adjourned, I was to make necessary enquiries, and report to you, and ask for further instruction. --- The Magistrate thinks section 11, of the Fisheries Act coupled with section 8, is not hardly strong enough to fine John Davis for having the fish in his possession, I, of course differ from him on this point. The law is clear enough. ---

I send you the card of address, by which you will at once learn from whom this box of 20. pounds of speckled trout were shipped. --- And I hope you will have this illegal fishing stopped, and order Andrew Port, and the Canada Fresh Fish Company of Collingwood, to be prosecuted, and fined, and their gill nets seized and confiscated.

I have &c.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister

John W. H. W.

P.C.

but

10. July 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith bank  
draft \$25.00 for the sum of twenty five dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply this amount  
for the amount to be paid - as follows:-

1. Mortimer Borg. For seine hauling ground license  
in Lake Ontario, on B beach, already received and  
delivered. \$10.00
  2. David Fitch. For seine hauling ground license  
received, and delivered \$10 - now sent on  
account. 5.00
  3. Mrs Emma Bates. For seine hauling license  
on B beach in L. Ontario, in July. 5.00
  4. S. H. Borg. For seine hauling license on B  
beach, in L. Ontario, on Sept 5.00
- Total \$25.00

and with due respect

Yours sincerely

I have to  
John W. Bates  
J. W.

14. June 1878.

My dear Young Friend,

I am in receipt of yours of the  
12<sup>th</sup> instant, asking me to loan my boat to you during  
your home vacation...

In reply, I have to assure you that it affords  
me much pleasure to be in a position to comply  
with your request.

You may therefore on receipt of this scroll  
of mine, take entire possession of the boat, oars and pad-  
dle for your own immediate use and that of your  
brother. I also permit you and your  
brother to fish with rod and line, hook and angle  
in the waters of Sullivan Lake during this present  
year up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October next, as per Section 15. of  
the Fishery Act.

Hoping my dear Young Friend, that boat ex-  
ercise will in some measure conduce to the  
mental welfare of your mind and body, believe  
me with kindest regards to your father, mother, and  
family. Yrs Sincerely

S. R. Bates

John W. Bates

I have to complain to you of James St. Lawrence of ~~pickering~~ Joseph Black, Robert Black, James Philcox ~~son~~, James Philcox ~~son~~, Seneca Palmer, and John Van Storn of Pickering. - James Maslar, James Taylor, and David Thompson, of Scarborough. - For fishing for, catching and killing the young of white fish, and (2.) Salmon in L. Ontario, at Frenchmans bay, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

Will you be pleased to issue summonses, and appoint the day for hearing some day next week, and I will be - the same to present to you appearing on the day, before you. -

I was at Frenchmans bay, on last Saturday night. - I caught 4 salmon, and a large quantity of silver herring, which I have in safe keeping in the mean time. -

The persons herein alluded to, were at Frenchmans bay, and having on last Saturday night, but they cleared out, upon finding that I was in the locality. -

As some of those persons reside in the County of York, please read sub section 3. of section 18, of the Fisheries Act. - and with due respect

To: Reverting etc.

Yours truly,

J. H. B. C.

I am to

your obedient servant

Wm. H. B. C.

17. July 1878.

Friday 19, July 1878.

At Niagara, and home again. - I received \$5. from Mr. John Bolton, for boat hire - poor fishing at Niagara. - went out at 8. a. m. came in at midnight. - the Prince Arthur called in to the Grimsby Camp ground, going and returning. Miles 94. 14 + 80. 1. - Steamer 50. dinner 50. tea 25. Street Car. 10¢.

Saturday 22, July 1878 -

At St. Catharines, to see Mr. B. C. Fairfield - got from him five dollars - see my application dated 23<sup>rd</sup> for a License to fish. - went out at 7.30. a. m. came in at 5.30. p. m. Miles 72. Ry fare. \$2.00, dinner 45¢.



Sir.

13. July 1878.

With reference to my report to you of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to Mr. John Davis, Irish dealer, of this city, having speckled Trout in his possession exposed for sale, and selling the same, the said speckled trout, being caught with gill nets in contravention of the Fisheries Act. . . .

It appears now by a letter Mr. Davis, has since received from Andrew Port of Collingwood, fisherman, that these speckled Trout, were caught in private property, which is the excuse why, they should be exempt, from the provisions of the Fisheries Act. . .

With this letter of excuse, as I heard, Andrew Port, has again sent Mr. John Davis, more speckled Trout, caught in a similar way, with gill nets. . .

From what I can learn now, and suspected when I made my report to you, on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, the private property referred to, is that mentioned in a former application I made to you dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 1875, with a petition from the Owner, Mr. W. G. P. Smart, of Collingwood, for to have certain privileges granted to him, regarding the catching of speckled trout, in his pond during the months of March and April, which Mr. Port, now claims is, or should be free from the operations of the Fisheries Act, because caught in private property. . . .

In your answer to my report on Mr. Smart's application, you did not then, grant his petition; as it became unnecessary, the close season for speckled trout, terminating at the time (1875,) on 1<sup>st</sup> January. . .

In your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1875, in reply to mine of 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1875 - you pointed out clearly to me, that it was illegal to catch speckled trout, with gill nets, even in private ponds, and that speckled trout, so caught, were liable to seizure which is exactly the case similar to the present one in hand. . .

The case of Mr. John Davis, has again been adjourned by Mr. James Cahill, J. P. Police Magistrate here, so that I may be able to hear from the Department, whether any permission, has since 1875, been given to catch speckled trout, with gill nets, in Mr. Smart's private pond in Ossprey, or in any other private pond about Collingwood, from which as I have heard, Mr. Andrew Port, acknowledges he got the speckled

Now, I had said, for being illegally caught with gill  
nets in contravention of the Fisheries Act, and the law is  
the same up there also, as it was when you wrote me  
for Speckled Trout, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1875.

Hoping you will pardon me for being trou-  
blesome, and with due respect.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Minister  
of  
Affairs.

I Have &c.  
John Bolton  
O.A.

illegal fishing.

P.S. Mr. Bolton, should stop this  
Y<sup>rs</sup> respectfully  
John Bolton  
O.A.

Sir,

23 July 1876.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank  
draft No. 100, for the sum of Five hundred --

Will you be pleased to apply this sum for this  
current year as follows;

1, John Bolton, Niagara "For boat license to fish  
with gill net, and bisco gill nets in Lake Ontario, at Niagara  
already received and delivered. -- 5.00

2, Mr B. B. Fairfield, Secretary of the Ontario  
Methodist Camp Ground Association, of Grimsby.

"For being hauling ground in Lake Ontario, in  
front of lots 20 & 21 in the Town of Grimsby,  
of Grimsby Township, containing gill net, and  
and to extend into the waters of the Lake from  
the waters edge in front of the said lots  
for a distance of one mile. -- please  
send me license

Yours faithfully

I Have &c.  
John Bolton  
O.A.

5.00  
Total \$ 10.00





Sir,

20, August 1878.

I have the honor to report that on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June last at this place before James White Esq<sup>r</sup> J.P., the Police Magistrate, Hamilton.

Mr. John Davis, Fisherman, was fined \$50.00, and five dollars costs: - "for having speckled trout in his possession caught with a gill net, in contravention of the Fisheries Act."

In this case, as I am the prosecutor, I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to allow the fine, five dollars, to remain in abeyance but the costs in the case should be paid by him.

I certainly think Mr. Andrew Port, and the other members of the Canada Fish Company of Hamilton, who sent these speckled trout to Mr. John Davis of Hamilton should one and all be fined, also the person who caught the speckled trout with gill nets.

My main object in asking you to favour Mr. John Davis, is, as he has frequently given time to time given me some important information, and has been in many cases, I have had up, for contraventions of the Fisheries Act.

In the present case he concealed nothing - pointed out to me that the speckled trout herein referred to, were caught with a gill net.

I have &amp;c.

Yours Minister,

Joh. W. H. H.

24 Aug <sup>th</sup>	a white fish for Wilnot	40.	
	a basket,	10.	
	collected.	5.	55.

27-	a white fish for Wilnot	60	
	Bought	10	
	collected		70

Let.

28. August 1872.

I have the honor to report that on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, I had Michael Taaffe, a fisherman of B. beach, summoned before James Cahill Esq<sup>r</sup> J. P. Police Magistrate here;

For catching, killing, and having in his possession about sixty five small young white fish caught in Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, on the 22<sup>d</sup> instant, in contravention of the Fisheries Act." —

He was fined one dollar and costs, which he paid. —

I may here state that Taaffe, had set out his herring gill nets for Herring, and as the young white fish have never been so numerous as they are this year, he caught the number of small white fish, as herein set forth. — (65 young white fish.)

I would strongly recommend, and desire to bring two important matters under your notice and consideration. —

1<sup>st</sup>. That no Seining be allowed any more during the months of June and July, and that the present prohibition is to be cancelled. —

2<sup>nd</sup>. That Herring gill nets, shall not be fished during the months of June, July and August in the waters of Ontario; — The fish net fishing during these months, being confined to Salmon Trout, and white fish gill nets alone, because from the present great numbers of white fish fry, that I believe are caught, and are being caught, but which do not always come under my personal observation, and so the present offending escape detection. —

Splendid specimens of White fish, and Salmon Trout, are being caught at present in Lake Ontario in front of the Townships of Saltfleet, Grimsby and Chatham, caught in gill nets from 5, to 6 1/2 inches in diameter. —

Please issue your Orders at once, on these subjects, I have herein recommended for your consideration, and immediate adoption. —

With much respect

Yours &c.  
John Wickers  
J. C.

Sir,

30, August 1876.

I have the honor to report, that on last Sunday morning, about 2 o'clock, a.m., a young man named Stewart, was drowned in B. bay, off the Esplanade wharf of the G. W. Railway, Hamilton. . . .

In endeavouring to recover the body, dynamite was pretty freely used, and successfully in raising the body to the surface of the water. . . .

In exploding this dynamite under water a great quantity of fish were killed. I have shown its effects, hence my object in addressing you on this occasion. . . .

I have talked the matter over with Mr. James Cahill the Police Magistrate, Hamilton; - and his opinion is that the order in Council dated 20, April 1876, making the following regulation; "The use of explosive material to catch, or kill fish, is forbidden in the Dominion of Canada." - would not apply in this case. . . .

However, as this is the third drowning case, that has occurred in B. bay, in which dynamite has been used to recover the bodies, I beg most respectfully to recommend that something ought to be done by the Fisheries Department whereby cases of this nature where dynamite is being used, should be regulated only to be exploded under the superintendence of the local fishing officers, because on a former occasion persons I have been invited to come and get some fish.

With due respect,

W. J. White

I have &c.  
W. J. White  
P.S.



Es.

31. August 1878,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft  
No: 594, for the sum of Fifteen dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as  
follows, for this current season: --

1. M<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Masters, and John Keath, of Niagara;  
For boat license to fish in Lake Ontario, at Niagara, and  
in front of the Township of Clinton. already received  
and delivered. -- \$ 5.00

2. M<sup>rs</sup> Alfred and Charles Ball. -- For  
ditto ditto ditto, sent to --

For \$5, sent you herewith. -- 5.00.

3. M<sup>rs</sup> John and Patrick Hand For boat  
License to fish in Lake Ontario, 6,000 yards of  
Salmon Trout, white fish and Herring gill nets,  
in front of the Townships of Sault Ste. Marie, and Grimsby.

Please send me two copies of License. -- On a/c \$ 5.00  
Total. -- \$ 15.00

Hon. Minister

I have &amp;c

John W. L.

J.O.

See next page. --

Please see letter me, dated 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1877. --  
on these 13, and 14, applications made last year. --

With due respect

Yours faithfully,

I have &amp;c,

John W. L.

J.O.

No. 8.

Mr. Bausat

Will you please to let me have a copy  
of your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> of August 1877. -- in answer to  
the Department's letter of 12<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 1877, and  
oblige

Yours faithfully,

John W. L.

J.O.

S.C.

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1872. -

I have to apply to you for Boat Licenses, for the undersigned  
 James G. Hume to reside on B. beach, for to fish Salmon and other  
 fish nets, in Lake Ontario, for this current season. - - -

In consequence of the great abundance of young White fish  
 in Lake Ontario, this year I would recommend that a clause be in-  
 serted in each license to the effect; - That in order to protect young  
 White fish, no Herring or Cisco gill nets be fished during the months  
 of June, July and August under this license. - - -

1. Messrs Benjamin Black and Philip Jones, - B. beach, To fish 1000  
 yards of Herring and Cisco gill nets, in Lake Ontario, off Burlington  
 Beach. - - - \$5.00.
2. Jonathan Corey, B. beach - To fish 1000 yards of Herring and Cisco  
 gill nets in Lake Ontario off B. beach. - - - 5.00.
3. - John Connor, B. beach To fish 500 yards of Herring and Cisco  
 gill nets in Lake Ontario, off B. beach. - - - 2.50.
4. Alexander M. Howard, B. beach. - To fish 1000 yards of Herring  
 and Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario off B. beach. - - - \$5.00.
5. Richard Laffey, B. beach - To fish 1000 yards of Herring  
 and Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario, off B. beach. - - - \$5.00.
6. Alexander Rolley, B. Beach. To fish 3000 yards of  
 Salmon Trout, White fish, Herring and Cisco gill nets in L. Ontario  
 off B. beach. - - - 5.00.
7. - Duncan Mc Gillivray, of B. beach, - To fish 500 yards of  
 Herring and Cisco gill nets in L. Ontario. - - - 2.50.
8. Thomas Joice, of B. beach; - To fish 1000 yards of Herring gill  
 and Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario, off B. beach. - - - 5.00.
9. Richard Joice, of B. beach, - To fish 1000 yards of Herring gill  
 and Cisco gill nets, in Lake Ontario off B. beach. - - - 5.00.
10. - Col. St. B. Villiers, B. Beach, To license to fish in  
 Lake Ontario, - on B. beach, same as last year. - - - 5.00.
11. Col. Wm. Patton, B. beach. To license to fish in L. Ontario  
 on B. beach, same as last year. - - - 5.00.
12. Mr. St. L. Bantec, Hamilton - To a license in fishing  
 station No. 1, in B. bay, - on B. beach where he keeps  
 boats and oars; same as last year. - - - \$5.00.
13. Messrs John Barry and St. H. Grant, B. Beach, To license  
 to fish on station No. 4, B. bay, same as that issued by  
 the department last year. - - - 5.00.
14. Messrs R. M. Wanger and George W. Tuckett of Hamilton  
 To license to fish on station No. 5, B. bay, on Burlington  
 Beach, - same as last year. - - - \$5.00.
15. Mrs. Ann Sherburne, B. beach, To fish 2000 yards of Cisco  
 gill nets in L. Ontario, off B. beach, and also to fish in  
 a fishing station Nos. 14 and 15. - 5.00. in L. O. also.

Yours of 26<sup>th</sup> of August received, & I mention to you that I went up to Port Colborne, but instead of going up to your part of Lake Erie, I went away down to Ridgeway, leaving you for another visit. -

If you will be pleased to send me five dollars, I will send at once, on receipt of same to Ottawa, and get you a License to fish a Seine in Lake Erie between Sugar Loaf Reef, and Morgan's point. - - -

I would come up now but prefer doing so later in the season, when fall fishing will be going on. - With kind regards, believe me,

Y<sup>r</sup>s respectfully,

Alfred Godman,  
P. O. Colborne.

John W. Stairs

O. A.

3. Sep: 1878. -

P.S. When you answer, say where I will find your place, when I do come.

Monday 2 September 1878. -

On M. beach - to see all the fishermen, regarding their gill net licenses, commenced with Ben. Clark, east - terminated with Thomas Joyce - north end - miles about 28 - \$4 & B, 2. dinner for two 50¢. - - got no money. -

Saturday - 7<sup>th</sup> Sep: 1878. -

At Toronto - saw Mr. Collock, - and read to him letters respecting his communications to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. about licenses for James Joyce and Thomas Thomas, - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6 p. m. miles 38 - Ry fare 75¢ dinner 25¢ Stage 25¢. See my report. - - - H. B. 1.50

Tuesday 10. Sep: 1878. -

at Grimsby and 30 Mile Creek - to regulate the fishing between the Mfcs 3 Hands - Balls, - Hastings, and Reith, - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6.30 p. m. - miles 50. - Ry fare 80¢ dinner 30¢ & 1.0 Boat 50¢.



My dear Sir,  
I hope you will excuse me for not writing you sooner. After several attempts, I at last got leave for you to get hooks, or a line or you not want of things point. There is all ready getting on, with his line haul fishing; please let me know, and give him the enclosed note from me.

Fulmer, and Stardison got their boat, but the gill net, and hooks, were spoiled and they had to pay for a new one for buying boat from your place to Niagara.

I hope you are all well give my kind regards to your wife, father and mother.

Yours Truly,  
John W. Lewis  
30  
3rd Sep 1878

Mr. Haul W. Lewis,  
Ridgeway,  
Onto.

My dear Sir,

As I did not call upon you for the five dollars because when I was last up at Ridgeway 10-12 you be so good as to let me have the money and I will send it over to you and get up your license for you.

When does your fall fishing commence? Has any one been hauling above the point since I was up there last. With kind regards

Yours Truly,  
John W. Lewis  
30  
3rd Sep 1878

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Dear Sir,

Sept: 1878 -

I beg to report, that a Law student, named Walter Parkinson - deliberately drowned himself last Saturday afternoon in the waters of R. bay, <sup>East Harbour</sup> near Willow Point. - On Monday last <sup>an angle</sup> ~~Wm~~ Macdonald - exploded Dynamite in the waters of the Bay, in the neighbourhood of where this ~~man was drowned~~. -

The next day the body was found <sup>floating</sup> with marks of the explosive dynamite thereon. -

On enquiring made by me today, I find that ~~the body was~~ <sup>taken</sup> ~~by the explosion~~ - was taken, and carried away by <sup>Wm</sup> Macdonald, and a large quantity of Grey - believed to be a portion of the young Sandwich Whitefish <sup>2,000,000</sup> deposited in R. bay - by Mr. Hervey, the 29<sup>th</sup> of March last; <sup>was killed, they being in large schools in the locality where explosion took place.</sup> Altho' painful and delicate it may be for me to bring up a case of this nature for adjudication before a Magistrate. - I believe <sup>that</sup> in the protection of these young white fish, and other fishes, it is my duty to do so. - Not with the intention of inflicting a fine, so much, as to grow down a practice it persisted in, that is always <sup>be</sup> ~~is~~ so destructive to fishes. -

Where the dynamite was exploded this time - was in a cove <sup>in the Bay</sup> near the Bay to the <sup>west</sup> of the <sup>bay</sup> where the <sup>white fish</sup> were <sup>found</sup>. -

The matter is respectfully submitted for your views and advice. -

Yours faithfully,

J. H. W.

John W. W.

Sunday 22<sup>d</sup> September 1878. -

On R. beach, found all regular, went out at 9. a. m. - thence back to Mr. W. Langes, - where I remained for some time on the "Alert", returned home at 6. p. m. - <sup>whiles</sup> ~~whiles~~ <sup>at</sup> C. J. Kerr, with one, - St. P. Buggy - 2.00, -

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep: 1878. -

At Menona. Found all right - went out at 5.30, a. m. came in at 1. p. m. - <sup>whiles</sup> ~~whiles~~ <sup>at</sup> 40, - 844 B. 1.50, breakfast 20 c.

Sir,

11. Sep: 1878.

I have the honor to send you, Bank draft \$50; 65¢, for Ten dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season as follows;

1. Alfred John and Patrick Stand, Menona, and Grimsby, -  
for boat licenses, &c, already received and delivered - on a part  
now sent you. - - - \$ 5.00
  2. George Albers, - Frenchman's bay, - Boat License  
to fish 200 yards of white fish gill net, in L. Ontario  
between the bay and the Range. Township of Pick-  
ering. - - - 2.00,
  3. John Proudfoot, of Whitby - A License to fish at  
Whitby Harbour, - same as last season. - - - 3.00.
- Total \$10.00.

please send me licenses for \$50 2, and 3, -  
I have &c.

Yours, Minnie  
V. V. V.  
H.H.

John W. Kerr  
J.W.

9¢ postages..

- |    |         |                          |                       |
|----|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Sent to | John Stand.              | } close season        |
| 2. | " "     | Pat Stand.               |                       |
| 3. | " "     | Peter Bath.              |                       |
| 4. | " "     | Alfred & Charles Ball. - | } for speckled trout. |
| 5. | " "     | Wm. Ingledew, -          |                       |
| 6. | " "     | David Ward. -            | } white fish          |
| 7. | " "     | P. Gray. -               |                       |
| 8. | " "     | Thomas Mansfield. -      | } salmon trout.       |
| 9. | " "     | Thomas Elliot            |                       |

Mailed for each, - this 14. day of Sep: 1878.

J.W.  
J.W.



27. September 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith,  
a Bank draft No: 735, for the sum of twenty two  
dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as  
follows: —

1. Mr David Herron, — For a License to fish a pla-  
chine on station No: 3, — in the Niagara River, at Queen-  
ston, for this current season, — and please send me  
receipt. — — — — — \$5.00

2. Thomas Ell of and boy — Balance of License  
fee, — for seine hauling ground in the Niagara  
River, — at Niagara — for this current season, —  
License received and delivered. — — — — — 7.00.

3. — John Bolton. — For seine hauling ground,  
at Lake Erie Creek in Lake Ontario at Niagara,  
for this current season. — License received and  
delivered. — — — — — 5.00.

4. Jas: Cambwell — For boat License, to fish  
gill nets, in L. Ontario, at Niagara, — received  
and delivered, — — — — — 5.00.

And with due respect \$22.00

I have  
John W. Kerr  
H.O.

Hon. Minister.

Tuesday, 25. Sept 1878. —

At Sus: Bridge, Queenston, and Niagara, David  
Herron paid \$5. for last season and this. Hence by  
Railway Train to Niagara. — John Bolton paid \$5. in  
seine hauling ground. — Jas: Cambwell \$5. for a Boat  
license and Mr Thomas Elliot \$5. on seine ground. —

Mass of great quantities of shrimps being washed down  
as if some from Port Hope in Lake Erie — went out at  
8. a.m. came in 4. p.m. — Miles 60. My fare 2.75.  
Staid \$1.50 — dinner, tea and bed 75¢. — —

Thursday 26. Sep: 1878. —

at Niagara Port Dalhousie, and Hamilton.  
Staid \$1.50. — Bus fare 15¢. Breakfast 25¢  
dinner 45¢. Miles 50. —

Sir,

27, Sep: 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on visiting Queenston, and the Town of Niagara, on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> instant, I found that large quantities of full grown herring had been floating down the Niagara River, for some days previously.

Mr. Rogers, of the Customs Department, at Niagara, with whom I talked on the subject, said that he heard those fish were killed with dynamite in the Niagara River, at a place called Slesher, in State of New York.

When I heard, and my own belief is, that those Herring, have been let loose from the Queen's Wharves - in Lake Erie - some dead - and others alive, and nearly dead, and strong south westerly winds - have floated them towards Buffalo, and getting into the current, and carried down the River, have been seen, and observed, as I have herein reported.

I will take a run up next week, to my division of Lake Erie, traverse and examine the beach of the said Lake, in the County of Mackinac, and report to you the result.

I Owe You.

Johill's Son,  
D.O.

Hon: Minister,  
H. H.  
Ottawa.

Went on several occasions to B. beach, on fishing business - that I did not charge for! - also attended these times at Police Court, about the Speckled Trout - Case of John Davis - for which I did not charge.

J. H. H. - D.O.

4  
Quills - 25.  
Envelopes - 10, = 35.  
Postage - 30. -

Postage stamps -  
For Letters - 24.  
" Notes - 20.

Sir:

13. September 1878.

I am in receipt of your letter to Mr. W. D. Pollock of Bronte, appointed Guardian by the Department to take charge of the 12. and 16 mile Creek, on the north side of Lake Ontario, in the County of Hamilton;

Also his letter to you applying for licenses for James Joice of Bronte, and Thomas Thomas of Oakville, for to fish Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario, and with your instructions to him for future guidance, and to me to report thereon. . . .

I have now in compliance with your orders to report that

1<sup>st</sup> James Joice, is one of the Joice Bros<sup>es</sup> of Bronte, who had a license last winter to fish 3,000 yards of Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario at Bronte, Township of Nelson; please refer to my letter to you of 20. May last, by which you will learn and be reminded of this fact. . . .

I was made aware last spring that this Joice partnership was dissolved, and in future they would fish separate, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September instant, I applied for a Boat License for Richard Joice; and now ask you, and beg to recommend you, to furnish me with a Boat License, for James and Robert Joice of Bronte: for to fish 1,200 yards of Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Nelson, for this current season, at the annual rate of \$5. . . .

With respect to Mr. Thomas Thomas of Oakville, I may report, that he has not finally made up his mind yet, for to fish, but whenever he does, I will send forward and recommend his license to be granted, and as he has had a license from the Department, already, a few years ago, he knows to whom he will apply again for a license. . . .

Mr. W. D. Pollock of Bronte, whom I called on last Saturday in connection with this matter, will in future carry out your instructions to him as regards persons applying in future for licenses. . . .

I thank you (Mr. Cassid) for not permitting Mr. Pollock, to invade my business. . . .

I have to report, that I also pointed out to him his duty in connection with the 12. and 16 mile Creeks.

And with due respect

I have &c

Hon: Minister.

John W. Cassid



Mailed - Letter to Harry Sheppard - Queenston,  
containing Key - for the Palmer - Hotel Keeper, - and belonging  
to the Yellow Craft 4.

Mailed - Letter to Mr Jos: Moon - P<sup>5</sup> Union, -

Mailed - License to Col: Wm Patton - Ireland Newcome  
Hamilton -

Mailed - License to John Proudfoot - Whitby N. office.

" License to Jos: Charles Frenchman Bay -  
Au. station N. office.

Mailed - Close season Jos James and Irish - Notice  
to Mr Thos: Elliott

Michigan, onto

this 30<sup>th</sup> September 1878. -

John W. Kerr  
J.O. -

Ser.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1878. -

I have the honor to send you an account  
of my diary for quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> day of September  
last, amounting to

add - Voucher No: 1. - Office Rent. -	John W. Kerr	\$ 30.90 1/4
" " " 2. - Stationery &c.	do.	" 5.00.
" " " 3. - Postages. -	do.	" - 85.
" " " 4. - Constables fees, St. Catharines.	do.	" 1.14.
		<u>\$ 4.00.</u>
	Total.	\$ 41.89 1/4.

Which I hope will meet your approval. -

I have &c.

Yours, John W. Kerr  
J.O.

John W. Kerr  
J.O.

Not Counted  
in.

Monday, 30. September 1878. -

On B. beach, Col: Villiers paid me \$5, delivered his License,  
gave Mr Sherburne, his License; - saw other fishermen; - went out at  
12. p.m. came in at 6.30. p.m. Miles 24. -

My dear Mr Elliott.

Have you seen Mr Jos: Cantwell  
and does he intend to refuse altogether holding the Lewis hauling  
ground at the farm; - If so, he had better pay five dollars  
the same as Mr John Bolton has done - there last May - as I don't  
want any man to hold a fishing ground against his will. -

It is about time for Longhurst to pay up the Balance of  
his License money. - We are all in good health, I got home  
safe, same day I left, I sent the flys to Mr J. B. Plumb  
and with kind regards to all.

Hamilton Onto

2. Oct. 1878.

Yours &c. John W. Kerr

S.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1878.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No. 756, for the sum of Twenty dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current season as follows; for License to -

1. Col: Wm. Patton - For fishing station in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, received and delivered. - \$ 5.00.
2. Col: H. M. Villiers - For fishing station in L. Onto. on B. beach, received and delivered. - " 5.00.
3. - St. L. Bastien, - For License of fishing station No. 1. in B. bay, on B. beach, on which he has a Boat House for boats, used for Angling purposes, received and delivered. - " 5.00.
4. R. M. Wanger, and Jas: E. Luckett - For License to fish on station No. 5, in B. bay, on B. beach, received and delivered. " 5.00.

Total \$ 20.00

Hon: Ministers  
H. H. H.

I Have Yc.  
John W. Kerr  
S.O.

Ottawa, 30. Sep: 1878. -

Mr Kerr,

Please look over this, and see whether the description will answer, The difficulty is to make it Concise and Clear at same time. -

Hamilton Onto S. P. Bauser.

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: 1878,-

Mr Bauser,

Would you not think it advisable, to state the property was owned and occupied by M<sup>rs</sup> W. J. J. and Jas: E. Secord. -

In all other respects the Memorandum will answer. -

Respectfully Yc.  
John W. Kerr  
S.O.

Please see pencil memorandum  
interlined - J. W. Kerr

Sir,

11. October 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No. 826, for the sum of Thirteen dollars. . . .

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows: -

1. Mr Henry Sheppard, - Queenston - Balance in full for seine hauling ground in the Niagara River, for current season, License delivered. - \$1.00.
  2. Mr John Bourne, - B. beach, on account of Boat License in Lake Ontario, received and delivered. - 1.00.
  3. Mr Thomas Soie, B. beach, - "For boat License in Lake Ontario, at B. beach" - received, and del. - 5.00.
  4. Mr Joseph Yavrie, Queenston, - "For a License to fish a machine net, in the Niagara River at Queenston." received and delivered. - 6.00.
- Total, \$13.00.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Minister

Y. Y. Y.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

H. A.

Sunday, 6. October 1878. -

- \* On B. beach, found all regular, - \$4 B - 2.50, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. - Miles 26, - was at the Straits and the Plains, - Wellington Square. H. Kerr, with me. -

Thursday 10. October 1878. -

- \* At Winona - to see Pat's Stand, - got five White fish 2 Trout, and a pickerel, - went out at 6. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. - went on to the City, sent four White fish - to Mr. White, - paid \$1.15 + express charges, - paid 2.35, for Cotton, sent to Paddy Stand, sent \$1. to Mr. Corey, - \$4 B. 2.00, - Breakfast 25¢, Miles 36, - Express 15¢.

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 1878.

- \* On B. beach, found all regular, - Heard Ben. Fola was drunk, - and was fishing small Cisco gill net, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 2. p. m. Miles 24. \$4 B. 2.00.

Telegraph 11



Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 1878. -

At Sus. Bridge, Queenston and Niagara. accom-  
panied from Sus. Br. to Queenston by Mr. Thos. Wyne  
of the Ontario Police Force - His person fishing the  
Machines on Saturday night went on to the  
Town of Niagara. - My fare  $\$1.50$  <sup>see below</sup>  $\$1.50$   $\$3.00$  -  
See 25¢ beer 25¢ - Miles 60. - went out at 3. p.m.  
came in at 2. a.m. -

Sunday, 13. October 1878. -

At Niagara and Queenston and back again. -  
visited the Upper Machine. found a box of fish  
there. Fresh caught as supposed by Jerry Sul-  
livan who rented the Machine from John  
Robbins - who rented from John Wadsworth -  
James Sheppard and Thos. Wyne - Constable were  
with me - beside Mr. John J. - seized the  
fish and gave them to the Constable. -  $\$1.50$

Henry Storm - fished the Machine on Saturday  
and left at 6 o'clock p.m. - left no fish be-  
hind him in the box - went out at 4 p.m.  
came in at 12 mid night - Horse & B.  $\$2.00$  +  
breakfast, dinner tea and bed  $\$1.00$  +.

Monday, 14. Oct 1878. -

At Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton  
went out at 10. a.m. came in at 4.30 p.m.  
Miles 48. Stage 50¢ dinner 25¢ - Horses 15¢  
breakfast 25¢ - extra 25¢ - My  $\$1.50$  +  $\$2.40$  +.

Note W. D. Pollock - Prince's Guardian  
" Henry Sheppard, Queenston. -  
" Wm. Gray. Long Point. - - -

My dear Sir,

It having been reported to me that you allowed your machine in the Niagara River at Queens-  
ton Heights to be fished every Sunday, when fighting and  
drunkenness is carried on, and other disgraceful conduct.

It has also been reported to me that you have rented  
out your machine to John Robbins of Lewiston, N. S.,  
who has let to Jerry Sullivan of Lewiston. — You can-  
not do this legally.

I visited your machine on last Sunday evening  
when I found your machine fishing in contravention of the  
fishing act.

I also found several fish on the premises, and fish  
offal and fish guts on the bank of the River — and as you  
are the owner of the machine, I require to know what  
explanation you have to make to me for this illegal  
and disgraceful conduct on the part of your employees.  
Answer immediately.

Yours, &c.

John W. Kerr

D. A.

Hamilton, 14. Oct. 1878.

Mr John Wadsworth  
Queensston

Wednesday, 16. October 1878. —

Attended the Assizes, as a Witness to Character of J. M. Kerr  
of B. Beach, a Fisherman, who was being tried on suspicion of  
writing a number of threatening letters — in re. N. W. Railway  
across B. Beach — Township of Saltfleet. — He was acquitted by  
the Jury, — went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5.30. p. m.  
Miles 8. — 544 B. 1. 5.

My dear Sir,

Yours received, you had better petition at once, as I have no power whatever in the premises. -

See Mr Bunting your steward M. P., whom you supported, who lives at the S. Por. and I have no doubt but he will recommend the prayer of your petition. - -

Get John Everitt to join you in it, and let me have it by Saturday, or Monday morning next, and I will do my very best for you. - -

Let your petition set forth the facts that the Americans are now fishing, and the grievance you labour under by being prevented and stopped from fishing. I send you a copy of the order in Council, so that you may refer to it in your petition as well as show it to Mr Bunting to whom you will every thing respecting the late W. A.

Thompson's action had and done against you and don't disguise from Mr B. M. P. - anything. -

and until you get the prayer of your petition granted, do not fish, nor attempt to break the fishing Act. - With kind regards.

Mr Chester A. Harris.  
Port Line.

John W. Kerr  
J. O.

17. Oct. 1878.

P.S. Mr Eden, ex Customs officer, who drew up your petition before, is a good hand, to draw up this petition. - a few alterations will be appointed this week.

Monday 21. October 1878. -  
At Toronto, the Island - Prescott Junction, and Ottawa, went out at 9. a.m., came in at 8.30. a.m. - on 22. instant, Miles 326. My fare 10.75, dinner 35¢, Tea 25¢, boat #1, supper 50¢ Cab fare 60¢, extras 1.50, #1.00.  
#15.95¢

Tuesday 22. Oct 1878. -  
At Ottawa, in Fisheries department, breakfast dinner & tea. #1.00¢ My fare back to Toronto and Hamilton #11.35¢. Cab fare #1.00¢ 4¢ Horse and buggy from Whitley to P. O. Union 4.00, Miles 326, and 10 Miles extras. - #17.35¢



Sir,

22 October 1878.

I have the honor to apply, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that the license for spearing Salmon and Pike in B. Bay and the Sea and Marsh during this season be altered from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November to and from the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, instead of from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November as at present fixed. —

And that spearing for Pike and Bass be also inserted to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> of January, or as soon as the Ice runs, and to end on 20<sup>th</sup> day of April following, and that all fishing of all kinds be strictly prohibited in B. Bay, the Bay, the Bay, and the Marsh. —

And that I be authorized to give the necessary public notice in the Express and Business Standard and papers who support us, in accord with the present government as that policy. —

And that fifty copies of the Notice be sent to me for posting up and circulation. —

Please refer to your public Notice given on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1878. —

Yours faithfully,

I Have &amp;c.

John W. L. L.

T. D.

Sir,

22 October 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for 25 copies of the published Notice dated Ottawa 1<sup>st</sup> Octol 1878, giving close season for White Fish, Salmon Trout, and Speckled Trout, in the Province of Ontario. — Also a copy of the Canada Gazette in which the same was published. — Please refer to Section 19, and Sub Sections 2, and 3 of Section 19, of the Fisheries Act. —

Yours faithfully,

I Have &amp;c.

John W. L. L.

T. D.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1878. —  
 Breakfast 50¢ dinner 40¢ and tea 25¢  
 Street Railway — 20¢  
 1.20

Sir,

24. October 1878.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a package of the Regulation setting apart a portion of the waters of B. bay, in the Township of Barton, for the natural and Artificial of fish. --

Will you be pleased to furnish me with a copy of the Canada Gazette as in the case of having the prosecution in the water so set apart I could not convict unless - perhaps - I had the Gazette in which the Regulation was published. --

Please refer to section 19, and sub section 2 and 3 of section 9, of the Fisheries Act.

Yours faithfully,  
Hon: Minister

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Ross

F.O.

Sir,

22. October 1878. --

I have the honor to apply to you, for the sum of One Hundred dollars, on account of this quarter's current expenses. --

And with due respect

Yours faithfully,

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Ross

F.O.

Friday, 25. October 1878. --

at Fort Erie, and Black Rock, to ascertain if the statement put forth in Messrs Harris & Everett's petition to fish in the Niagara River was correct. saw the (3) being on the Reels - between the Queen City Mill - and Square Island, - owned by Miller and Fields - and Dutch Charley, saw Chester & Harris on the subject. - went out at 8.

A.M. came in at 4 P.M. - Miles 144, -

Ry fare 3.75. dinner and tea 95 of street car 20¢ Ferry 20¢ -

Oct.

25. October 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. for the sum of five dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:  
for Boat License: —

1. Mr. J. H. Allen and son of Clinton, for a boat license to fish 500 yards of white fish and string gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of Lots 100 to 104 in the Township of Clinton. \$ 3.00

2. Mr. Noble Keith of Clinton. — For a boat license to fish 500 yards of white fish and string gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of Lot 105 in the Township of Clinton. 5.00

Will you be pleased to send me the Licenses. —

I Have &c.

John W. Allen

Yours Affectionately

all, dear Sir.

Will you be pleased to get herewith a post office order, in your favour on Port Huron for (\$25) twenty dollars for the day, the within amount for the skiff. —

I was at Ottawa, the early part of this week, and saw Mr. Whitcher, who requested me to kindly remember him to you. —

Can you send me some choice ducks for myself, if I send you the money for them, a bag of ducks. — Mr. MacKenzie would give me a permit to go to Long point for a few days, but then I think I will come. —

Why don't you answer my letter — I say it is not correct that you voted for Allan. —

With my best and kindest regards to you and yours, I am yours fraternally.

John W. Allen

J. W.

25. Oct. 1878.

Wm. E. Allen

The Stevedore

Long point

Port Huron.



Monday 28. October 1878. —

On B. beach, Alex. Nollo paid me \$5. John Jaffe <sup>2.50</sup> and John Corey \$2.50 the former license, and the latter on a pt of License for this current year, thence on to Winona - went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. miles about 46. - \$4 B. 2.50 - dinner 25. Tolls 7¢

Sent notices about close season.

To Post: Mand. — Winona:  
 " Francis Reid, Pt. Credit,  
 " J. W. Drumm, Toronto.  
 " Express Agent, Hamilton. —  
 " S. S. Vickers - Toronto. —  
 " The Canada Express Coy, Toronto.  
 " A. A. Anderson. \$4 W. W. Ry Coy

Mailed also, to

Hamilton,

Levi Marsh,  
 B. St. Mary. —

Charles Munnick,  
 Wm. Woodland,  
 Lewis Beatty —

Chas & Geo. Lang. —  
 Salisbury Wright. —

Michael Hobb,  
 Mrs. Walsh. —

Mailed License and Notice  
 of Close season this 31<sup>st</sup>  
 of Oct. 1878. —

Charles & Forie,  
 A. Sticks. —

To Noble Smith

Thos. Thomas.

James Joice,

J. P. H. H. H.

Walter in H. H. H. H. —

Express  
 Charges  
 of 1.00¢

25. X

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1878.

\* At Port Credit, to see Jas. J. Wilcox, about the appearance of Salmon in the Credit River - and who reported five Salmon being seen therein. - thence to G. Reid - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. - 68 Miles. - Ry fare 1.80. \$4 and B. 1.75 - dinner 25¢

Monday 4. Nov: 1878. —

at Harrisburg, on the Look out for White fish and S. Trout - these are being shipped over the rail- way at present - by either the Express Coy - or the Railway - went out at 8.20. a.m. came in at 2.30. p.m. - Miles 40 - Ry fare 2.50 -

27. 10. 1878.  
I have the honor to send you herewith the sum of \$11.50, as balance due. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the current year, as follows:

1. Alexander Hollo & Beach, "Boat License in Lake Ontario off B. beach, already received and delivered."	5.00
2. Jonathan Corey - B. beach - "Boat License in Lake Ontario off B. beach - already received, &c."	2.50
3. John Zaaffe - B. beach - "Boat License in Lake Ontario off B. beach - sent on a p.t."	1.00
4. John Connor - B. beach - "Boat License in Lake Ontario off B. beach - balance in full"	1.50
Total	\$11.50

Yours truly,  
H. H. H.

I Have &c.  
John W. Kerr  
J.W.

Much Respected Sir,

I take the liberty of informing you that the close season for White Fish and Salmon about this year, will be from the 1st to the 10th day of October next, both days inclusive, as per Notice herewith. -

Will you be pleased again, to give the necessary instructions to the station agent, Conductors, or other officers of your Company, so that the fishing act may still continue to be duly observed as heretofore on their part.

H. Porcupine Sq.  
Manager of the  
G. W. Ry.  
J. W. Kerr

I Have &c.  
John W. Kerr  
J.W.

Wednesday, 6. November 1878. -

At Toronto, Port Union, Whitby, Shoal Point, and back to Duffins Creek, - found that Salmon had been up Lyons Creek, and in Duffins Creek in great abundance. Saw about 120 - and about 50 beds - the fish were large - and all had left except a few say 2 p.m. still under tumbling dam. - Mr. John Gordon Sr. and his son watching them very carefully. Ry. 1.00, - Horse buggy 2.00, - dinner tea and bed 4.00. - Hills 84. - -

Ser.

4. November 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for one hundred blank spearing licenses for issue in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh, commencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of this month; - "For spearing in open water, and to end on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December next" -

And for pike and bass, commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next, and ending on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April following, being at the rate of one dollar each license, for the whole period. -

I have &c.

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

S.O.

Ser.

4. November 1878.

I will thank you to furnish me with a package of large envelopes (official) as I have now only three of last supp<sup>y</sup> on hand. -

I have &c.

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

S.O.

Ser.

2<sup>nd</sup> November 1878.

I have the honor to report that on this day, Mr. John Davis - Fish Dealer here - showed me a letter from a fisherman at Southampton - Lake Huron <sup>to him</sup> wishing to be informed if he wanted fish, S. Trout, and White fish, mostly White fish - and <sup>that</sup> he could procure a Certificate from the Overseers of that Division - that they were caught before close season. -

Now my impression is, that <sup>as</sup> the close season for Salmon Trout and White fish is so very short only ten days - the law should be strictly observed - besides the General Manager of the J. W. Ry. and the Branches to the Southampton and Kincardine - L. Huron - having taken especial pains by issuing Circulars - to the Agents and other employees of the Ry. - not to receive any such fish during the close season - should be of itself <sup>a very</sup> sufficient warning, not to ship these fish during the close season. -

and I told Mr. Davis, what the law was & having previously issued and posted in Whitefish, notice of 1<sup>st</sup> of July last, in the fish. I have &c.

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

S.O.

The Hon.

I attach the J. W. Ry.

Cops Circular for

attention - and letter to me from Senate Envoys -



Thursday 7, Nov: 1878. -

# At Duffin's Creek. Frenchman's bay - Port Union, Co-  
lombia, and Hamilton - went out at 5, a. m. came in at 5,  
p. m. - miles 75, Ry fare \$1.00 & Horse and buggy 2.00,  
breakfast and dinner \$1.00. -

Got returns at Frenchman's bay - also obtained  
some notes of Salmon in Island Creek - the Kongs and  
the ...

Friday, 8, Nov: 1878. -

# At Hamilton - ... the Fisheries department to publish the spawning time in his  
paper - went out at 9, a. m. came in at 4.30, p. m. miles 20,  
went from Hamilton - by back road to B. Strait's. found  
all regular - Horse and buggy \$2. - dinner for two 50¢  
Tolls 15¢ C of ...

Saturday 12, Nov: 1878. -

# At Port Credit, Springfield, and Streetsville, in consequence  
of telegraph received from Thos: Harris - Hotel Keeper - Streetsville,  
that he had a Salmon that was caught spawning in River  
Credit - there. -

Met Mr. Turner - of Springfield on the Road - who told me  
John Hayes Jr. of Springfield caught a Salmon - that David Car-  
ple saw it with him. - - And that a Salmon was caught and  
crushed in his Turners mill wheel, and killed. -

That a man named Sproule - one of three brothers  
had shot a Salmon - Thence on to Streetsville - and got from  
Mr. Thos: Harris - the head and part of body of female  
Salmon, <sup>\$25.00 & 2 eggs</sup> caught by John Young - a boy 13 years of age,  
in River Credit at the bend below Gooderham's mill - that  
ville - saw the place and examined it carefully, the  
said boy, and Mr. Harris, being with me. -

Solomon Carter - a farmer - cut up the Salmon, and took  
the largest part of it away with him. - The boy - Young,  
took a piece home with him - and he gave Harris the head  
piece, and the eggs I got from him. - -

John Lewis - of Cooksville - saw the Salmon last  
spring, with John Hayes - that he caught it, it was say-  
ing 10 pounds. - Thos: Harris, J. F. Cooper - Dick Clarke and  
te Lewis - of Streetsville - were seen - hunting a Salmon  
at Gooderham's dam - which they were repairing, a few  
days before Young got the Salmon - went out at 5, a. m.  
came in at 10.30, p. m. - miles 95, Ry fare \$2.00 & 54¢ B. 3.00.  
dinner, tea, breakfast \$1.25 & - - - these Salmon referred to  
several other Salmon were seen - particularly within the  
limits of the village of Streetsville. -

Las: J. Wiley Esq.

My dear Sir,

Have you been able to find out anything more about the Salween since I saw you. - Do every thing in your power to get out all the information you can about the Salween, and the proof against those persons who have been killing them last fall, last spring and this present fall.

Hamilton Oct

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Kerr  
E.C.

Sir,

16. November 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you, for the following blanks, as the last supply is fairly used up: -  
100. Blank Summonses. - 100. Blank Subpoenas.  
100. Blank Commissions. - 100. Blank Commitments. -

Hamilton

Yours  
John W. Kerr  
E.C.

My John Proudfoot  
Whitby

My dear Sir,

I have heard that a good many Salmon have been up Lyons Cr. have you seen any yet, and I heard some of them were shot near the Kingston Road Bridge. Be alive John my friend and uphold your credit and reputation, dont let any person play on you, let me hear from you.

Hamilton  
18 Nov 1878

Yours  
John W. Kerr  
E.C.

Friday, 15. Nov; 1878,

On the Straits. The plains, the square and B. Beach, examined Rollo's take of fish - found 33. Small white fish therein. See my Report of 4. Dec 1878. - went out at 9. a.m., came in at 7. p.m. Miles 30. \$47 B. 2.50. C. J. Kerr, with me. -

See page 172

My dear Sir.

18. Nov. 1878.

I have been told that Salmon have been seen in the Twelve Creek, about Shaws Mill, and at the dam above the Railway Bridge. Also that there are Salmon beds in the Creek; Have you seen any of them. - On receipt go above the Swamp, and examine the rapids and deep holes near the rapids, and about the Mill, and note what you see for me,

Mr W. D. Pollock,  
J. J.  
Toronto.

Yrs truly  
John W. Kerr  
D.O.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1878. -

at B. beach, waited there until Alex Rollo, and George Hall, came in from fishing their Herring gill nets. -  
Went out at 8. a.m. came in 6. p.m. Miles 26.

\$44 B. #2, dinner for two 50¢. Tolls 30¢. -

Heard that George Hall, had told that Billy Rollo had given J. W. Kerr, a big gowling over, - and had threatened to give the man who told on his father for catching the small white fish during close season a good beating.

Examined Rollo's two boxes of fish no small white fish amongst them - Questioned Rollo about them. C. J. K. -

Tuesday 19. Nov. 1878, -

at the Heights and on the Bay - grappled for gill nets, - McLean paid me #2. - went out at 10. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - Miles 20. \$44 B. 1.50, dinner 50¢ C. J. K.

Wednesday 20. Nov. 1878.

at Police Court, - Alex. Rollo, and Geo. Hall - before Jas. Cahill Esq. J. P. - for catching young white fish with Herring gill net, - went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. - Miles 8 - C. J. K. - with me -

paid Telegraph 35¢ - Denis Nicholson paid #2, for spearing licenses - and Alex McDonald #1 -



See

13 November 1878,

I have to report that in consequence of a telegraph that I received from Mr. Thomas Harris - Hotel Keeper - Streetsville, on River Credit - thus, "I have a Salmon caught in River Credit here spawning." - I proceeded on yesterday to Springfield, and Streetsville, on the River Credit, and there learned from several persons; that a good many large Salmon had been recently observed, in the River below Springfield, and within the limits of the Village of Streetsville. - - Also that a Salmon had been shot on the flats in the River above Springfield by a young man of the locality, named Ephraim. - -

On arriving at Mr. Thomas Harris - Hotel, - Streetsville, I found a piece of a female Salmon, he had secured for me, preserved in salt and water, with 2,500. salmon eggs, the piece I allude to, was 10" long, including the head. - -

The Salmon itself, when caught on last Sunday, by a young lad named John Young, 13 years old, after being cleaned, weighed 8 pounds. - A farmer named Solomon Casler, cut up the Salmon. - -

I shall send the piece of Salmon, with the eggs, today to Mr. Samuel Wilcox, Newcastle -

On my way up to Streetsville, I met Mr. Currier of Springfield, - who informed me, that the Salmon are very numerous in the River Credit, this season. - One was crushed by his mill wheel, that John Hayes Jr. of Springfield caught one, and Duncan Temple and John Lewis of Cooksville, saw the fish with him. - -

I carefully examined the river at Streetsville, as pointed out to me, by the boy John Young, where he caught this Salmon. - -

Upon enquiry I find that this fish must have been injured by some person or persons, before this boy's attention was drawn to it on Sunday last. The fish was lying on the top of the water, close to the bank of the River, when he first saw it with a smaller fish, (Salmon), beside it. The fish swam out into stream, but the force of the current, forced the fish to the bank again; Young said I then struck it with a stone and I ultimately caught it, and on being put by me down on the ground, several eggs were produced, the fish it being ripe thereon. -

A day or two before this Salmon was captured, George Howard, J. J. Cooper, Dick Clark, and Walter Leslie, of Cooksville, were employed repairing Gooderham's dam - when they observe several Salmon under the dam, which they endeavored by the use of sticks and stones to capture, but failed at it. -

I refer to these incidents as perhaps closely connected with this female Salmon, caught by the boy - John Young, and by the aid of a stone thrown by him. -

I would respectfully recommend, that you will be pleased to direct Mr Sam Wilcox, to come up, to Springfield, and Streetsville, and assist me in a thorough investigation and trial of these cases. - and with due respect,

I Have &c,

Hon: Minister

H. H. H.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Sir,

13. Dec: 1872,

I have the honor to report for your information, that in consequence of the Salmon state of affairs, in which I found the River Credit on yesterday, I placed Mr Thomas Harris of Streetsville, a temporary guardian - to protect the Salmon within the Village limits; and John Wright, of Lot 3, Streetsville Road - to protect them from Streetsville to the Village of Springfield, at the rate of \$20. each subject to your approval. - -

Whilst I advised Mr James G. Wilcox of Port Credit, the permanent guardian - to devote his attention for the present between the Indian Village and Springfield; on the rapid where Salmon have been recently observed by him and others. - and with due respect,

I Have &c

John W. Kerr

D.O.

John Gordon Esq Esq.

Guardian

Duffins Creek.

My dear Sir,

Yours received, I am glad

to hear such a glowing and good account from you.

So long as a Salmon remains, you will keep on the Right Watchman. - - I was up the River Credit on Tuesday last, the Salmon are very numerous there, keep a close look out for all poaching vessels. - You will have Salmon until the wear of this Moon, at least I think so.

Our National Policy - is Home Manufacture and protection to Salmon. - - -

And with my kind regards as usual,

Hamilton

Yrs sincerely

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Sir,

15, November 1878. -

I have the honor to report that nearly all the Mill dams on the main Branch - of the River Credit were badly injured damaged and Carried away, by the great freshet of September last. - -

And as all these Mill dams, will be all rebuilt, and repaired again, a good opportunity now presents itself of having Fishways constructed therein. - And more particularly is this now needed, in consequence of the parent Salmon making their appearance there this fall and last spring in goodly numbers, as far up as Streetsville. - -

The three dams between Springfield and Gooderham's dam, at Streetsville, were carried away - hence why the fish were enabled to get up so far this fall. -

I hope you will be pleased to reconsider the order - given me; - that the fishways then being put in the dams, were not to be then constructed until further orders. -

In consequence of the favourable show of Salmon in the Credit River, as reported by me to you, on the 13<sup>th</sup> I respectfully beg to assure you that you will be pleased to renew your Notice and Order to have the fishways constructed in the Mill it is between Springfield and Meadowdale.

and with due respect

Yours

I Have &amp;c

John W. Lusk

D.C.

Friday, 15, November 1878. -

On Nov. 14th - received #2. from Mr Vincent Little one for David Black, the other for Nedmond, to apply on Herring Spearing License - Thence by the plains to Mr. Beach. - John Laafe informed me that Alex. Rollo and George Stoll had been catching small white fish during the close season with Herring gill nets - and sold them to young Chie, and peddled them all over the locality - that Chie, had told his brother Dick - he was afraid to take any more of them - as J. W. Kerr, Sheriff would be sure to hear of it - that young Charley Laafe had seen a boat load containing about 400. nearly all young white fish, with Rollo, and Stoll - one day recently, after they fished up - that the gill net fishing was being carried on only two miles out - Rollo and Stoll, being out there - fishing up - invited for them to come in, found 33. white fish as he reported - in their nets - which I seized and confiscated - and gave to Boys' Home - went out at 9<sup>h</sup> a.m. came in at 8. p.m. - Miles 28. 144 B. 2.50.

See back



dinner and tea for self and Charles J. Kerr off 1.00¢

Sir,

16. November 1878.-

I have the honor to send you a letter I have cut from the Toronto Mail of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, with reference to the seine hauling fishery in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, Canada, being stop put.

And in doing so, I beg most respectfully to refer you to the petition of the Fort Erie Fishermen, forwarded per my report of the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October last.---

And as public opinion is decidedly in favor of permission being again granted under license, to the Fort Erie Fishermen being permitted by you to fish again, I have no hesitation in strongly recommending the same for your immediate consideration and sanction. -- And with due respect,

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr  
J.O.

Hon. Minister.  
H. H. H.

Sir,

16. November 1878.-

I have the honor to report that on yesterday afternoon, from private information I received; I examined and overhauled 297 fish caught by Alex. Rollo, and George Stoll - Fishermen, on Burlington Beach, and I found 33 of them were young white fish, which I confiscated and sent to the Boys Home. --

The fish (33.) were caught in 2 1/2" <sup>mesh</sup> extension measure herring gill net; illegal for white fish. --

I have summonses issued for next Wednesday against Rollo, and Stoll. --

I may here state for your information, that I was informed, this was not the first time these men broke this law, and it can be guarded against, by not setting these Herring gill nets in this particular place in Lake Ontario, off B. beach, when the Wind blows from the East. --

And with due respect,

Hon. The Minister.  
H. H. H.

I Have &c.  
John W. Kerr  
J.O.

Sir,

16. November 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr. John Davis, Fish dealer, Hamilton, received a barrel of <sup>fresh</sup> White fish - from Messrs. Ainsley, and Allan - Pound Net, fishermen at Monticoke, Lake Erie.

And on the 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. R. W. Bates, Fish dealer, Hamilton, received a barrel of fresh White fish from the same firm.

It is a well known fact, that those Pound Nets in Lake Erie, were being fished all through the recent close season for White fish, &c. - And when the proprietors were spoken to on the subject, the reply was, they were fishing for Herring.

The <sup>present</sup> close season for White fish, "altho legally fixed by Regulation from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of November inclusive," is very injurious and destructive to this valuable fish, as they never spawn during the period so let apart and fixed. - Abundance of White fish in Hamilton Market today. From above firm, with spawn running from them.

My great wish and desire is to have every one interested; go heavily for the protection of White fish, and with due respect,

Yours sincerely,

I have &c,

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Thursday, 21. Nov: 1878. -

\* At bus: Bridge, Queeston - and Niagara, - stopped for 2 hours at Queeston - thence on - arrived at Niagara at 4. p.m. - Miles 60. Ry 1.25 - 54 B. # 2.00, dinner 25, found Mr. John Elliot hauling when I got there. He had 86. Herring, and 18. White fish in the haul made besides a Cat fish, - and lot of suckers, -

Friday 22. Nov: 1878.

\* At Niagara - before Mr. Kerby, J. Jr. - see my report of 23<sup>rd</sup> instant. Gave orders to Mr. Elliot to fish no Seine under a three inch mesh, for Herring - thence to St. Catharine and home; - Stage fare 75¢. breakfast, bed and dinner # 1.00 - Ry. fare and bus fare # 1.60 - Express Charges (1.25) - 3<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> 3<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Street Car Ry 10¢ - Miles 50. - 3.45

1.25

My dear Sir.

16. November 1878. -

The morning after you receive this, will you be please to start on foot with your gun and dog, early, down the River Credit, from Streetsville to Springfield. Examine closely for Salmon beds, and Salmon. and see if any traps or nets, or boxes are set in the River at any place.

I am on the matter in hand about your Salmon on my return here to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, but I have had no reply as yet; Keep a good look out and careful watch - as I have been assured a good many Salmon are in the Credit R.C. - please keep a memorandum for me of all you see and hear about Salmon and with my best wishes.

Yrs Sincerely. -

John W. Kerr Esq.

Thomas Harris Esq.  
Hotel Keeper  
Streetsville.

Sir.

16. November 1878.

I have the honor to renew my application to you of the 11<sup>th</sup> May last, for that a license be now issued to Mr Richard Gilbert, for Seine hauling in the 10. Mile (Creek) pond and in Lake Ontario in front of the same Township of Louth. . .

I presume this License has been overlooked, in the multifarious other business on hand.

And with due respect

I have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr

Esq.

Hon. Minister,

Ottawa.

Tuesday, 26. November 1878.

At S. Bridge, and Niagara, found all regular. -

Mr Thomas Elliot having put a three inch mesh Centre in Seine - as per authority dated 11. April 1877, went out at 4. p.m. came in at 8. p.m. - Miles 60. 44 B. 1. By Jara \$2.00 of Sea and had 50 f.

Wednesday 27. Nov: 1878. -

At Niagara, all day; - saw Wm Kerby Esq. J. P. he paid me \$2. fine - 1/2 imposed on J. Elliot & Co. saw Mayor Pafford, who promised to contribute to fish breeding house, there; also consulted with Mr Kerby on fish caught in American waters breakfast, dinner, tea and had \$1. -

also told Joe Mather the saga his Seine marks were to be. -



2. I came to the river at 9 o'clock, before Mr. Kerby Esq. & Thomas Moir  
 morning at Abigaia, before Mr. Kerby Esq. & Thomas Moir  
 9. p. at 9 o'clock. a.m. - I saw Thomas Moir  
 Licenses of the River fishing there, and Mr. Shaft and  
 Robert Reid, which joined the crew, fined three dol-  
 lars each, including costs. Catching white fish in  
 a Herring line with a net containing meshes of only  
 two inches extent. - - -

The fines were instantly paid; and I gave orders  
 that no seines with meshes under three inches could  
 or would be allowed to be fished for Herring any more  
 thanly letting having seines of a smaller sized mesh, at  
 least for all time to come in my division, and which I  
 hope will meet your approval. -

I sent a small box of the white fish caught on  
 this occasion for Mr. W. J. Whitby inspection, by Express,  
 last evening on my return here from Abigaia. -

I may in conclusion add that from close obser-  
 vation made by me during this passing season, young  
 white fish of the size I sent Mr. Whitby, and  
 smaller sizes are greatly on the increase... a  
 man with mesh seine will always protect them  
 where fished for Herring, and will never catch  
 white Herring. -

And with due respect

Yours

The pleurite

I have &c.

John W. Kerr  
 D.O.

Telegraphs 75.

Postage 10.

Telegraph 37 1/2 37 1/2

Thursday, 28. Nov: 1878. -

at Abigaia. S. Bridge and Stone, went out  
 8.30. a.m. came in at 2.30. p.m. - Miles 60. -

My fare £2, breakfast and dinner 50¢ 14¢ B. #1.  
 other expenses £1. -

John Bolton, very much dissatisfied about  
 H. River fishing, and wanting it to be divided, -  
 C. & J. Bolton have put up a new boat house  
 16x24 ft. on the 2nd. Thos. Elliot and Thos. Moir  
 fishing limits one chain, which they complained  
 of, requesting me to lay the same before the  
 fishing department. -

Dr. —

22. Nov: 1878. -

With reference to my verbal orders given to you to-day for your future guidance, and all the other seine hauling fishermen, fishing in the River and Lake, in the Town and Township of Niagara. --

I beg now to submit my authority to you in writing  
to be put in the office and to not withhold the same. <sup>Case</sup>  
granted. ---

I find on examining my letter book, that I have done this before by Telegram to you, and by reading the sections of the paper, to all my friends.

High<sup>er</sup>. Hos. Red  
+ boy. Fisherman  
+ sea area,

Y<sup>rs</sup> respectfully.  
John W. Dean  
J. O. -

What follows: Copy. —

My dear Sir,

Your Telegraph received. I will be with you on Tuesday evening - if possible - but if not on Wednesday. -- I have two Quails here on Tuesday morning. "Got catching White fish during close season." --  
Kind regards to all. -- Yours truly, J. L. L.

your truly  
John W. Sear,  
J. o.

See this list.  
Phigara

P.S. - Have all your witnesses ready.  
D. W. Kim

23. Mar: 1878.

March <sup>17</sup>~~18~~ 1878

March 17 1877  
I want to rent the fifteen  
pond if it is not leased, you  
tell me the best you will let me  
have it for and if I can  
ware my fresh fish nets out  
in there let it go cheap  
as you can

and at once  
David Tyson  
Beamsville

-private.

My dear Wilmot.

Magistrate here, has I understand <sup>written</sup> to you to define for him the term, the young of white fish as per Section 9. of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act. ---

I have had a case up against two men on B. Bal for catching 33, small white fish, in a Herring gill net of 2 1/2 inches extension measure. Whereas gill nets for catching white fish should be 5 inches extension measure. ---

The white fish (33,) caught in this case were about the size of a blue back herring, say about half of a pound weight, too small to be caught in the legal sized mesh of 5 inches extension measure. ---

I do not think that the sized white fish above described are yet come to maturity, consequently are not become as yet spawning fish. Therefore I believe they come under the denomination of the Young of white fish, as per sub Section 9. of Section 13. of the Fisheries Act. ---

Under ordinary cases, these people would not be prosecuted, but they made a business of catching them during the close season, which is between the 1st and the 10th of November inclusive. ---

As I believe you have heard; and altho, I may not be able to convict for the latter offence, I am myself the prosecutor for the 33 white fish I found in their possession on the 15th instant, and hence the case of Mr. Cahill, writing to you for information sought.

Samuel Wilmot Esq  
Newcastle

Yrs  
John W. Kerr  
F.O.  
26. Nov 1878.

Postage  
5d



So.

29. November 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that the Hermit fishing in the Niagara River, at Queenston, this fall, has been very good. And on the American side of the River at Lewiston, it is very good also, so that large supplies therefrom, have been sent to Canada at Queenston, paying  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per Cent duties thereon, as I have been informed.

It appears from a Conversation, I have had on Wednesday last with Mr. Kerby Esq., J. P., the Customs Officer - Niagara; that John Bolton fisherman, Niagara; has got it into his head - "For he is always planning how he can catch fish and evade the Fisheries Act?" that by entering all the fish caught by him in American Waters - Lake Ontario, at Niagara, in the Customs - paying  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per Cent on the dollar, he can fish all thro' the close seasons, for bass, pickerel and white fish, setting the Fisheries Act, at defiance.

Mr. Kerby, has informed me that he has written to you on the subject, so that measures may be adopted to prevent the Customs, and Fisheries laws, from clashing.

John and Charles Bolton, always require to be handled with the tight rein, and strict letter of law.

Particularly as White fish are now becoming so numerous, during close season, only half grown and caught at our Fisheries, rules and regulations.

Yours sincerely,

I Have &

John W. Kent

D.O.

Saturday. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1878.

At the Police Court, cases adjourned will not come up before Sunday next. - Went out at 8. A.M. Came in at 4. P.M. - Expenses \$1.00

My dear friend - Jordan,

I am daily waiting for your report, also your bills; - please let me have these things immediately, so I want to send away the latter end of this week, and get you, your money.

Did many Salmon get over the dam? - How many, if any were stolen or taken from the Tows, and with kind regards to

Yrs. Sincerely,

John W. Kent

D.O.

2 Dec, 1878

John W. Kent Esq.  
Wells - Kent

29, November 1878,

I have been informed that Mr. R. R. Waddell, Solicitor, Hamilton, has applied, and is about to get, or has got from the Provincial Government at Toronto, a patent from the Crown of about eight acres of land on B. beach, belonging to the heirs of the late John Martin. - - -

This 8 acres includes the fishery reserve of one chain, comprised in fishing station No: 12, in L. Ontario on B. beach, respected by the lease given by the Local Govt to the Corporation of Hamilton, and where fishing has been for many years past, and is now being at present carried on under license by Thomas Martin, son of the late John Martin, who lives at present on the premises. - - -

My reference to Brownjohn's map of B. Beach, made by him, for the Corporation of Hamilton, a copy of which I sent to the department, you will be pleased to find on reference thereto, the one chain reserve for fishing purposes marked thereon in red, and the lease to the Corporation by the Local Govt makes reference to the fishery reserve of one chain on the Bay, and the Lake sides of B. beach, and as per plan herein attached to. - - -

I hope therefore that you will be pleased to write to the Hon. the Minister of Crown Lands, Province of Ontario, at Toronto, and prevent all and every part and parcel of the fishery reserve of one chain on the Bay, and Lake, situated on B. beach, becoming the property of private individuals, for "speculation purposes".

I make this application and report to you in behalf of, and for the protection of the fishery reserve there, as several patents, are being applied for, by individuals owning property on B. Beach, under a 99 years lease from the Corporation aforesaid.

I strongly recommend the matter for your immediate consideration, so that by your interference the fishery reserve on B. beach, may be henceforth respected, and remain in tact. - - -

Altho' at present all shot fishing in B. bay, has been stopped by your order, still I hope you will see in your wisdom, that it is well w't. and proper nevertheless, to prevent these fishery reserves of one chain, being disposed of, by sale or otherwise, and with due respect,

Yours faithfully,

I Have &c,  
John W. Kerr  
D.O.

Sir,

29. November 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for permission to lay off two seine hauling grounds in the Niagara River. One is to be established east of James Longhurst's ground at the Cannery, - and to extend as far down the River as Cleuch's ferry; the same to be fished with a River Seine - not to exceed 100 yards. -

The other seine hauling ground, to be below the Ferry, and extending down to the Harbour at Niagara, and to be fished with a River Seine of 100 yards. -

I do not think these seine hauling grounds will interfere with the fishing of existing seine hauling grounds, which must be respected, and not be encroached upon.

The same to come into operation on the 1st day of January next.

All of which, I beg most respectfully to submit for your consideration and approval, bringing under your notice, that the Seines shall have 3" mesh meshes, bottom; the balance of the Seines to be over that size. -

Hon: Minister

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Dorr

D. C.

Sir,

29. Nov: 1878.

I have the honor to report to you that John Bolton, and his brother Chas: Bolton, have constructed a Boat House, on the Fishery Reserve of one chain, situated in front of Messrs. Thomas Elliot, and Thomas Elliot & Son - Licensed Fishery River Ground - Niagara, against their will and Consent. - This boat house is 16 x 24 feet, and filled with boats not used for fishing purposes by Licensed fishermen. -

John Bolton seine hauling ground is at the two mile Creek; but he presumes I understand, that having built this new boat house, he may succeed in getting a portion of the Niagara River Fishery.

He and his brother have so built this House, as to crowd Thos: Elliot, one of the licensees off the ground and his just rights. I have advised Elliot and Elliot to bring the Boltons before the Hon: J. P. for a Malicious Obstruction, as directed by you last summer. -

Hon: Minister

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Dorr

D. C.



Sir,

2. December 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for one Hundred Blank - Complaints: "papers?"

I find I omitted asking you for these blanks, when I made an application recently, for all the other blanks which I have since received. -

I Have &amp;c.

Hon: Minister,  
Y. Y. Y.

John W. Kerr  
D.O.

Sir,

4. Dec: 1878.

I have the honor to report that Mr. John D. Irwin, the American Express Agent, Toronto, a warm good friend of the Fisheries at all times, particularly during close seasons for fish and game, wants from the department, the import-  
ant information, which he seeks in the attached Telegraph, and letter from G. Cheney, head of American Express Company, Detroit.

Will you be pleased to answer Mr. J. D. Irwin, at Toronto, direct, and much obliged.

Hon: Minister,  
Y. Y. Y.

I have &c.  
John W. Kerr  
D.O.

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: 1878. -

at the Police Court see my report of 4. December instant, thence home and back the Bay at Railway depot and Heights - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 12.30. a. m. instant, 14 B. 2.00 Boat hire 25¢ Telegraph 38¢, paper 20¢ postage stamps 30¢, Miles about 20. - C. J. Kerr with me. - - -

Telegraph 38¢  
paper 20¢  
postage 30¢

My dear Sir,

4 Dec. 1878.

Mr James C. Tuttle, complains to me of some man whom I suppose to be, Elsie John Alford, a fisherman, for fishing an illegal seine in the Niagara River.

As Mr John Alford has, and I suppose is fishing on a portion of your pleasure seine fishing ground.

Will you be pleased to inform Mr John Alford, that he must at once conform with the law. The collector orders, by providing a seine the centre of which shall have three inches extension measure. . . . and the wings of the seine must not be under three inches and any other part of the seine he fishes. . . .

It would be much more like the thing, if the wings were 3 1/2 inches extension measure, the centre of the seine 3 inches extension, and so on. . . .

This must be done at once.

Yours truly  
Mr Thos Elliott  
Niagara,

Yours truly  
John W. Kerr  
N.Y.

Friday, 6 December 1878.

In P. Beach, Richard Gage paid me \$5, Mrs. Churchill, paid me \$5, Ben. Golds, paid me \$10, and I received \$4, from Isaac Durham of Grimsby - License fees for the year 1878; - Heard from Mrs. Richard Gage - that David Hitch had also caught small white fish, went out at 8.30. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. - Miles 26. At P. 2.50 including tolls, dinner for Charles and myself, 50¢. . . .

Sir,

6. December 1878. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, the application of the Messrs Thomas Elliot and Thomas Elloir, Licensed fishermen in the Niagara River, Town of Niagara; asking me to have the Boat House and Keels erected on the Chain reserve on the River, of their fishery by Messrs John and Charles Bolton removed: please refer to my former letters on this subject, dated 13. October, 29. October, and 14. November 1877 and your reply, particularly to the last letter dated 30 of November 1877, - in which you state - "I am - what you would you are so instructed you will please take the necessary steps in the matter." -

And I also refer you to my last letter on the subject, dated 29. November last. -

Charles Bolton, has never been a licensed fisherman, merely fishes for, and with his brother John Bolton; - They are both men very overbearing and intolerable in their conduct towards Messrs Elliot and Elloir who are quiet, mild mannered men in their manners and demeanors towards all men.

I most respectfully submit this case, for your consideration and you will please now advise me, what I am to do in the premises: - and with due respect,

Yours, Minister

I have

John W. Laro

J. C.

Here follows Elliot and Elloir's application -

to be, -

Thursday, 12. December 1878.

\* At Port Credit, Springfield, and Streetsville, see my reports of 14. Dec; instant, went out at 8.30. a.m. Came in at 6. p.m. Miles 45. - My fare 95¢ Stage fare 50¢ dinner, tea and bed 75¢ H.A.C. 1.50 - 11 3.10. Telegraph 32¢ 27¢

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11. Dec. 31

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Sir,

7, December 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Order No. 10, for the sum of Twenty five dollars. —

Please you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows;

1. Richard Smith — Boat license to fish bass and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, off B. Beach, received and delivered. — 5.00.
  2. Mrs. Ann McDonald, Boat license to fish bass and Herring gill nets in ditto, received and del'd. — 5.00.
  3. Ben. Golds — Boat license to fish bass and Herring gill nets in L. Ontario, off B. Beach, received and delivered. — 5.00.
  4. Isaac Sherman, Grimsby — Boat license to fish 400 yards of bass gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of No. 4, in the port Conception of Grimsby. — This license will not interfere with a license already given to John S. S. Fairchild, St. Catharines, &c, because of the latter being fished about 4 miles from shore. — 5.00.
- My application, &c. to: 2, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1878. — — — 4.00.
- Total, \$24.00.

Yours faithfully,

I have &c.

Edw. H. H. H.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

Friday 13, Dec 1878. —

# At Streetsville, Springfield, Port Credit, and Hamilton — See my reports of 14<sup>th</sup> instant, went out at 9, a. m. Came in at 5 p. m. Miles about 46, — \$14.00. Breakfast and dinner 50¢. Railway fare 50¢.

Saturday 14, December 1878.

# At Brantford, getting up my notes, and beginning about the book. For particulars see pocket memorandum Book: went out at 8.30, a. m. Came in at 5.30, p. m. — Miles 54. Stage #1. Stage 25¢ dinner 25¢. \$1.00.

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14. Dec 1878.

I have to report, that I could yet, obtain sufficient proof against George Howard, and others, as per my report to you, dated 13. November last, for hunting and endeavouring to kill Salmon in the River Credit, early in the month of November last. - -

I heard George Howard, who is one of the Councillors of the Village: - a village of about 650, inhabitants - spent the greater part of a day with a spear, and double barrel gun, on the River, endeavouring to kill a Salmon. - - and I heard of two shots being fired at a Salmon while attempting to get over Goodchams Mill dam - Streetsville. - -

I saw Howard, and spoke to him, about his conduct in this respect; and I would respectfully solicit your advice, as regards him. -

A very large Salmon, came over Goodchams dam, on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, before I arrived at Streetsville; and another was seen up the Credit from there, same day, on the edge of the River, apparently gaded out, but escaped into deep water. -

And with due respect

Yours,

Wm. H. H.

Edw. W. H.

Wm. H.

Tuesday, 17. Dec: 1878. -

On B. beach, to make enquiries if any small white fish are being accidentally caught in basin gill nets.

Report is - None. Went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. Miles 26. H.V. butler 1.50. dinner 50¢. - C. J. K.

Wednesday 18. Dec: 1878,

at S. Bridge and Niagara, found all regular went out at 3. p.m. came in at 8.20 p.m. Miles 60. H.V. B. 1.00. Tea and bed 50¢. My fare 1.75.

The petition of the Undersigned  
Shumbly, Sheweth:

That Your Petitioner  
is desirous of obtaining that portion of the fishing privilege  
lying between Wind Mill point, and Point Abino, on Lake  
Erie. for pound fishing.

That Your Petitioner is a British Born Subject,  
and brought up in Canada. —

And Your Petitioner, will as in duty bound  
ever pray. —  
John W. Ranney.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Mr. Pope,  
Minister of Fisheries  
Ottawa.

Port Erie. Onto.

13. Dec: 1878.

Ser.

13. Dec: 1878.

I have the honor to submit, and I beg most respect-  
fully to recommend for your consideration the petition of Mr.  
John W. Ranney, a resident of Port Erie township of Bertie, and  
County of Welland, praying that you will be pleased to grant  
him a special license to fish pound nets in Lake Erie be-  
tween Wind Mill point and Point Abino situated in  
the township of Bertie County of Welland.

I may in conclusion state that I have much plea-  
sure in recommending that the same may be granted  
from the 1st of January next 1879, at the rate of \$60,  
sixty dollars per annum subject as a matter of course  
to all the requirements of the Act, the Regulation in Council  
and Order from time to time of the Hon. The Minister.

I may say that Mr. Ranney who has called on  
me personally, is well skilled in preserving and curing  
fish, having returned home to aid in the National Policy.  
He is highly recommended to the Hon. The Minister  
which testimonial from Mr. B. W. Bunting, M. P. for  
Welland, I beg also to submit for your personal and  
consideration in connection with the case.

Hon: Minister  
Y. Y. Y.

I Have &c  
John W. Ranney  
Erie



Sir. —

16, December 1878. —

I have the honor to send you herewith, the receipts in duplicate amounting to \$175.00, which I require to pay up the Guardians engaged to protect the spawning parent Salmon, this last fall; and which I have much pleasure in recommending to you for consideration and settlement.

Immediately after the great freshet in the Salmon Creek last September, Salmon came up the same, far up the Creek; particularly where mill dams that barred the river were carried away, showing the urgent necessity, there is, for having fishways immediately constructed, and more particularly in River Creek.

The duty of the Guardians, in almost all instances, was well done. —

1. James G. Wilcox, Guardian, River Creek (Lytas)	\$10.00
2. Thomas Harris, — do, — do, —	20.00
3. Joseph Moon, — do, — Skiland Creek. —	10.00
4. Henry Moon, — do, — The Rouge. —	25.00
5. John "Knockout" — do, — Lyons Creek. —	20.00
6. John Gordon 1878 — do, — Hellen Creek. —	50.00
7. W. H. Gordon. — do, — do —	40.00
Total \$175.00	

all of which is respectfully submitted.

The Hon. Secy.

The Hon. Secy.

Wm. H. Gordon  
Secy.

Thursday, 19. Dec: 1878.

\* at Niagara, and Iroquois, and back to Niagara again, getting up my fishing tackle for 1878. — Went out at 8.30 a.m. come in at 4 p.m., miles 18. \$4 + B. 1.50  
By fare \$6.25 dinner, breakfast tea and beer \$1.00.

Friday 20. Dec: 1878.

\* at Niagara, Port Dalhousie, Jordan, Clinton, Meadville and Fishers, getting up my nets for 1878. — \$4 + B. 1.50, Leam 2.50, Breakfast and dinner tea 75¢. miles about 50. — By fare paid 3.00  
License fee.

Sunday, 22, Dec: 1878.

\* at Wrights — where person was reported to me, to be fishing, went out at 9 a.m., come in at 2 p.m. — miles 12. By fare 1.50

W. H. Gordon

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12, December 1890.

I have the honor to receive from you a copy of the 1st May -  
 1890 report of the Board of Fish and Game, the 7th instant in answer to my  
 complaint of the 1st November last made against Mr. Davis,  
 and also a copy of the 1st December 1890 report of the Board of Fish and Game.

And which of course the Board of Fish and Game is bound to  
 consider, and states in the 1st report of the 7th instant in answer to my  
 complaint of the 1st November last made against Mr. Davis, and also a copy of the 1st December 1890 report of the Board of Fish and Game.  
 And as the Board of Fish and Game in this case, Mr. Davis, if you will be good  
 to instruct the Board of Fish and Game to impose a fine against the persons  
 who committed the offence in contravention of the Fisheries Act,  
 and to forfeit the fish and boats, which under the law is  
 imperative, please refer to sub-section 14 of Section 13, and  
 looked it appears by the Board of Fish and Game...

I may here mention that in connection with  
 with this case, that Mr. Davis, of Port Dover, one of the parties  
 in this contravention of the Fisheries Act, see sub-section 3 of Sec-  
 tion 13, as in the City of Hamilton, on Saturday the 9th of  
 November, when Mr. John Davis, fish dealer, there introduced  
 me to him, and we conversed together. - True of course, I may  
 here state that I have known Mr. Davis, and his father of  
 Port Dover, for several years past, who are highly respectable  
 people. - However, I learned from Mr. Davis subsequent  
 to the introduction that Mr. Davis was to send Mr. D. White  
 fish on Monday following the 11th of November - Mr. Davis,  
 and I, discussed the matter, and we came to the firm conclu-  
 sion in our own minds, that if he done so, he would be guilty  
 of a contravention of the Fisheries Act, and you will please  
 please observe that I was right in my conclusion...

Hartsville is about 7 miles from Port Dover, (east) down the  
 Lake, and 7 miles back again. - Port Dover, is about 38 miles  
 from Hamilton, with a Railway Train running daily there, twice  
 at least each way; Besides two Trains daily to Seneca, and the  
 west. - The barrel of White fish, came to Hamilton by the  
 Evening Train, on the 11th November, and was sold, but  
 that many other dealers of Mr. Davis and Mr. Allen got each  
 a barrel of White fish, and many of the residents of Port Dover,  
 their daily supply. -

Incidentally the barrel of White fish, was illegally caught,  
 and admitted to be caught, and fished for, between the  
 hour of 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, and 6 o'clock on  
 Sunday morning, which is a standing close  
 season for all kinds of fish, and especially so, in cases  
 of ground shags, -

Mr. Bringham says: That at three o'clock on  
 Sunday night they went out to the grounds - cornered the  
 shags, and on Monday morning, lifted them - catching  
 about a barrel of White fish, and shipped to Hamilton.

the same day. — Concluding, proving my consent,  
to be one at. Personally, I mean, I mean to force  
the same. — with due respect

I Have

The Hon

the Hon

O.

Sir,

17. Dec. 1878.

I have the honor to send you a bank  
draft, No. 115, for the sum of Five hundred and --

With you be pleased to apply this amount  
as follows: or last year 1877. --

1. Wm. Dugless, Bronte - Boat License in Lake Ontario, in  
front of the Township of St. John - Boat paid. \$ 5.00

2. Thomas Martin, B. Beach - License for seine  
hauling ground in L. O. on B. Beach - License re-  
ceived and delivered for 1878. 10.00

3. John Barry & S. Ghent - License to fish  
on Station No. 4, in B. Bay, on B. Beach - License  
received and delivered for year 1878. 5.00

Total, \$ 20.00

With you be pleased to send me Boat License for  
Cure & year, for Wm. Dugless, Bronte - Boat paid 3.50  
yards of seine and white fish gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in  
front of the Township of St. John - at rate of \$5, which  
will be paid in a little time.

Yours faithfully

I Have

John W. W.

Sir,

18. Dec. 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge that you will  
be pleased to make the same for the W. D. Dugless,  
Bronte, for the 12. and 16. white boats, fifty  
dollars per year; instead of \$30, which he has pre-  
sent to me.

With a little old man (68 years) he is active  
and useful, and has a good deal of  
experience and information on which he is a  
practical man. He is a good man.

With all respects, the kindest regards, as Halton,  
I remain, Sir, your obedient servant.

Yours faithfully

I Have

John W. W.

O.

The Hon

O.



Sir,

10. December 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information, that the son of William of B. Beach, is a fisherman, is married this year to Mary in consequence of the illness of his wife and the illness of his mother. Besides he is a dealer in fish and game.

His boat license for this year is \$2.50 of which he is not able to pay I am afraid you.

Will you be pleased to permit him to fish in without payment being made, the same as you have permitted P. H. and Allen Fisher, old men out fishermen on B. Beach who follow this permit on a small scale.

I strongly recommend this case to your beautiful consideration and pray! that you will please grant him the privilege you give him.

And with much respect,

I remain Sir,

Yours truly,

J. O.

The Honble

The Minister,

Sir,

12. December 1878.

In consequence of the birds nesting on B. Beach, in Lake Ontario, being a failure this season. -- Abandoned so as not to hatch. Will or injure small young white fish which were immovable? --

I have the honor to recommend that the following fishermen's license be, as last year, opposite that name, for this current year; license and gill nets included? --

- |                   |                  |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. David Fitch, - | for year 1878. - | 5.00 paid, -     |
| 2. John Lauffe.   | do. - - -        | 5.00 paid. 2.50. |
| 3. Ben. Gales. -  | do. - - -        | 10 00. paid, -   |
| 4. F. T. Long.    | do. - - -        | 5 00. paid, -    |

And with much respect,

I remain Sir,

Yours truly,

J. O.

My dear Sir,

I have had a letter from the Fishery Department, and I must insist on your sending me your license for 1878, on receipt for 1878.

Yours truly,  
John O. Kerr  
J. O.  
Hamilton, Ont.  
22 Dec 1878.

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Hamilton, Ont.  
22 Dec 1878.

My dear Sir,

Immediate. 30.00¢

Your petition to resume seine fishing at Fort Erie, on Niagara River, has been granted by the Hon. the Minister, upon my recommendation. -

Please send me on receipt the annual license fee of 30, and I will send to Ottawa, and get up your license for that. -

With kind regards to you all, and many happy returns of the season, believe me, I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

Wm. H. Harrison, Victoria.  
 or Charles A. Harris.

Hicksonau,

Fort Erie.

21 Dec: 1878

Private.

21 Dec: 1878.

My dear Sir,

Ascertained immediately from Mr. John W. Kearney, of Fort Erie, how many pounds of fish he desires to set in Lake Erie between Windmill Point, and Point Abino, and let me know at once for the information of the Hon. the Minister. - Your petition for Harris and his has been granted, and with my kind regards,

Yours faithfully,  
 John W. Harris  
 Fort Erie

Yours faithfully,  
 John W. Harris  
 F.E.

It was day! - 1878. -

Long letter to Longhurst, Niagara - enclosed to Thomas Elliot. For him.

John W. Harris  
 F.E.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1878.

At Winona getting up Annual Returns, found all regular went out at 9. A.M. came in at 5, P.M. Miles 30. \$48 - 2.00 - dinner 50¢ Tolls 15¢.

My dear Sir,  
I send you a small token of my affection to day,  
in your signature. I hope you have been well, and  
please when I hear from you, to say - You need  
not send it away until the last day of the month.  
With many happy returns of the season, believe  
me very truly yours,  
Jas. W. Kerr Esq.  
T.O., 21. Dec. 1894.

My dear Sir,  
In your report of Salmon in the  
Creek, last fall, you failed to state how many Salmon  
beds there were.  
Please let me have the number, and several  
places, where you observed them.  
I am expecting your cheques daily, I hope  
you are in good health, beautiful weather, cold and  
picking up sea, from 20 to 30 miles high.  
With my kind regards and respects, in  
wishing you many happy returns of the season,  
believe me  
Yours sincerely,  
Jas. W. Kerr  
T.O., 21. Dec. 1894.

P.S. I am credibly informed that Salmon in quantity  
will run the dam, in the next month of September  
last, what say you to that? J.W.K.

How He Fell.—The other day Mr. J. W. Kerr, Fishery Overseer for Ontario, visited Toronto in order to receive the returns necessary to be made by fishermen at this season of the year. After crossing to the Island, and seeing that all was right about Gibraltar Point, Mr. Kerr thought, as the day was fine, and the ice was inviting, that he would walk across to the city, but herein he forgot that years had deprived him of that suppleness which is the salvation of youth on such dangerous footing. He had proceeded about a hundred yards from the shore when both feet passed from under him and he landed on his back on the ice, seeing more stars in a few moments than he supposed could possibly be stowed away in the firmament. Simultaneously with his tumble the ice cracked for a distance of about half a mile, the reports resembling very much the discharge of a park of artillery, the water gushing up in considerable quantity, and causing those who were disposed to laugh at the Overseer's mishap to slide for the shore at their best speed. A boy, however, remained in the vicinity and to him Mr. K. appealed to signal an ice-boat so that that he could secure a passage across. The boy looked at Mr. K. for a moment, and then replied, "I guess not, Mister, there's too much water and cracking round yer for this chicken to go there." Mr. Kerr managed to recover his hat, walking-cane, muffler and other "damage," and hoisting his scarf on the end of his stick brought those in the ice-boat to his assistance, when he reached the metropolis without further mishap.

FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE. — At ten o'clock this forenoon, Wm. Drever, Richard Yalden and Robert Hamilton, were charged with fishing without license, in contravention of the Fishery Act. The Inspector, Mr. Kerr, surprised them in Burlington Bay. They were fined \$2 each and costs.



My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find here =  
with, post office order, No. 812, for the sum of \$9.954, allow-  
ance I obtained for you as horse hire. - -

The sum granted was \$10, but I paid 54, for  
the order. - -

I sent your return to you today, and if you  
have any more news about the Salmon, let me hear  
from you. - Whether or no write me. -

James J. Wilcox Esq  
J. Oversee,  
Port Credit.

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr  
J. Oversee,

26. Dec: 1878. -

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find here =  
with, post office order, No. 819, for the sum of \$19.904,  
allowed you for services in protecting the Salmon  
in River Credit, about Streetsville. - -

The sum granted was \$20, but I paid 104,  
for the order. - -

If you have any further news about the  
Salmon, let me hear from you - Still continue to keep  
a good look out for Salmon and Speckled Trout,  
write on receipt, many happy returns of the sea-  
son. - -

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr,

J. O.

26. Dec: 1878.

Mrs. Harris Esq  
Streetsville  
Hotel Keeper

any thing I hear about  
Howard,

J. W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find  
herewith, post office order, No. 820, for the sum of  
\$9.954, allowed you, for services in keeping open the  
mouth of Millard Creek, during Salmon season. - -

The sum granted was \$10, but I paid 54, for  
the order. - -

If you have any thing to write me about  
Salmon in Millard Creek, please do so on re-  
ceipt. -

I enclose Henry's Order, and letter, with yours  
herewith. - I wish you many happy returns of  
the season. -

Joe Allen Esq

Port Union,

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr

J. O.

26. Dec 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find herewith  
post office order, No. 821, for the sum of \$24.80¢, allowed  
you for services in protecting the Salmon last fall, in  
the Rouge. -

The sum granted was \$25, but I paid 20¢ for the  
order. -

I wish you many happy returns of the sea-  
son. -

Yrs truly,  
John W. Lord

Mr Henry Moon,  
Port Union.

J. W.  
26. Dec: 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find herewith,  
post office order, No. 823, for the sum of \$39.80¢, allowed  
you for protecting the Salmon, last fall, in Duffin's  
Creek. -

The sum granted you was \$40, but I paid 20¢  
for the order. -

With many happy returns of the season,  
and my kind regards. -

Yrs truly,  
John W. Lord

Mr D. W. Gordon,  
Duffin's Creek,  
Ont.

J. W.  
26. Dec: 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find herewith  
post office order, No. 822, for the sum of \$49.70¢, al-  
lowed you, for services rendered in protecting the Sal-  
mon, in Duffin's Creek, for year 1878. -

The sum granted was \$50, but I paid 30¢ for  
the order. -

Have you anything further to add about the  
Salmon, or that M. W. of your protection; always  
pleased to hear from you. -

Yrs sincerely,  
John W. Lord

John Gordon Esq. Sr.,  
Duffin's Creek.

J. W.  
26. Dec: 1878.

postages. 50¢

My dear Sir. Hamilton,  
 Will you be pleased to find  
 herewith, Post Office Order, No: 824, for the  
 sum of \$19.90¢, allowed you for services ren-  
 dered in protecting the Salmon last fall in  
 Lyons Creek. -

The sum granted was \$20, but I paid  
 10¢ for the order. -

I have you anything further to report, I  
 wish you many happy returns of the sea-  
 son. -

Yrs. Sincerely -  
 John W. Kerr

Mr John Proudfoot  
 Whithy, Ont.

D.O.  
 20. Dec; 1878.

Sir. -

28. Dec: 1878. -

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
 instant, desiring to know how many Round Nets,  
 Mr J. W. Ranney, desires to set between Windmill point  
 and Point Abino, Lake Erie. - - -

And in reply, Having just communicated with  
 Mr Ranney on the subject. - I have the honor to report  
 that he would like to get a license for fishing four  
 pounds. -

Which will be at the rate of \$60. per pound.  
 amount to the sum of \$240. - Year 1879.

I Have, &c.

Hon: Minister,  
 F. F. F.

John W. Kerr  
 D.O.

Monday 30. Dec: 1878. -

Mr B. Meach, getting up my statistics, went out  
 9. a. m, came in at 6.30. p. m, Miles 26. H4 C, 2.00  
 dinner for two 50¢.

Jack Teale paid me 2.50, and Jon  
 Corey paid me \$2.50¢ balance of \$5. each  
 on the license for year 1878,



Sir,

28. Dec., 1878.

In reply to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, and in obedience to your instructions; I have the honor to apply to you - For a seine hauling license for Mr. John Everett, of Port Erie, near Fort Erie, to fish a seine of 150 yards long, in the Niagara River, that is to say; Between Gilmore Road, Fort Erie, and Deceus Mill, Township of Port Erie, down the River - distance about five miles, at the rate of \$30, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879? -

And please insert a clause in the license, that the licensees, shall not permit the set hook or long line fishermen, to catch bait, or set within his license limits, except they produce a license from the Fisheries Department.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Minister of  
Marine and Fisheries,  
Ottawa,

I Have &c,  
John W. Kerr  
P.O.

Sir,

28. December 1878.

In reply to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, and in obedience to your instructions; I have the honor to apply to you, for a seine hauling license to fish a seine 100 yards long, in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie; - that is to say, all south of the Gilmore Road, up the River as far as the Old Grand Trunk Pier; - say for a distance of about two miles. -

The same to be made out to Chester A. Harris and John Harris, - of Fort Erie; - rate 30<sup>th</sup>, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 1879. -

And please insert a clause in the license that the licensees, shall not permit the set hook and long line fishermen, to catch bait, or set within their license limits, except they produce a license from the Fisheries Department &c

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister,  
Y,  
Y,

I Have &c,  
John W. Kerr  
P.O.

## The Fishery Act.

Sometime ago an item appeared in our columns in reference to the case of two fishermen who were charged with netting young whitefish contrary to the Act. For the defence it was urged that catching such fish with a legal net could not be avoided sometimes. The Police Magistrate and Inspector Kerr then communicated with the Department and received the following reply, which seems to definitely settle the question: -

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,  
FISHERIES BRANCH, OTTAWA,  
December 18, 1878.

SIR, - Regarding prosecutions for catching, killing, selling or possessing young white fish, you will rigorously enforce the law. If the fines be an insufficient penalty, confiscate the fishing materials, as by the law directed, and report the licenses with which such abuse is practised for confiscation. If there be places where these fry so abound that quantities must inevitably be caught or killed, except these places specially in the licenses issued.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

W. F. WHITMER,

For the Hon. the Min. of M. and F.  
J. W. Kerr, Esq., Fishery Overseer, Hamilton.

January. 1<sup>st</sup> 1878. Wednesday. --

At Toronto, and the Island. -- getting up annual Returns,  
Heard that Wm. Wooller, was fishing pike gill nets under  
the Ice, in Ashbridges Bay. --

Went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. <sup>4</sup>/<sub>7</sub>  
Miles 90. -- 144¢ -- 1.50. Railway fare 2.00, dinner 25.

To Martin for blighting me across the Ice. --

Had a bad fall on the Ice when going to the Island. --

Sirs, I send you answer herewith, to your  
petition. -- Be pleased to read the same  
for the edification of Miss <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> John and Charles  
Bolton. I am, Sir,  
Yours obediently  
John W. Scott  
J. O.  
4. Jan'y 1879.  
Thos Elliot  
and  
Thos Elliot  
Fisherman  
1. Niagara,

Hamilton,

My dear Sir,

Will you be so good as to let me  
have your Return of all fish caught, during the  
year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1878. Just  
ended. --

I hope you got up your Herring gill  
nets all safe, --

Allow me to wish you the Compliments  
of the season, May Gods Blessings be all your  
Portion in this life, and for all time to come. --

My warm regards to you all. --

Yours sincerely,

Mr John Hand  
Grimsby.

John W. Scott

4. Jan'y 1879.

Sir,

4, January 1879,

I have the honor to send you herewith, account and diary of my actual disbursements for travel, and petty expenses while on active duty, during the quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1878, amounting to, -

Add, John W. Kerr,	Voucher No. 1, -	Telegraphs,	" 3.46,
" do. -	do. -	" 2. - Office Rent,	" 5.00,
" do. -	do. -	" 3. - Stationery, &c. -	" 0.75,
" do. -	do. -	" 4. - Postages, &c. -	" 3.62,
" do. -	do. -	" 5. - Express Charges, -	" 3.40,
" Edward Kerr	do	" 6. Boatman, -	" 11.00,
" Rich Harrison,	do.	" 7. Constable. -	" 4.00
Total, \$180.65,			

In the discharge of my active duties, which it became necessary for the due performance of the same; you will please find that I travelled a distance of 2,158 miles; and I may here state that it was for the due observance of fishery laws, and the getting up my annual statistics that I was compelled to do so. -

And with due respect

I have &c,

Hon. Ministers,  
Y, Y, Y,

John W. Kerr  
J. W.

Express charges on Bag of fish  
to the Commissioners, Ottawa,  
6. White and 6 Black.

My dear Sir,

4, February 1879.

I am in receipt of your application, for a license to fish stocks and lines in the Ottawa River from Frenchmans Creek to Stockdale's farm, say a distance of about half of a mile. - You have permission herewith to fish stocks and lines in the River, as applied for, but I will endeavour to come down next week and try if I can so arrange it, with John Barrett, so that you can fish a line. -

R. W. Little Esq  
Port Huron,

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr  
J. W.



Sir,

4. January 1879,

I have the honor to enclose to you Bank draft No: 265, for the sum of seven dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount on account of Seine hauling ground in the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario, Town of Niagara, same as last year. Send me License. --

The applicants are the old licensees, viz: H. H. Elliot, Thomas Moir, and John Alford, of the Town of Niagara. The annual License fee will be fifteen dollars. --

There are four short hauls on the ground, three in the River, and one at the old Fort.

The balance of the ground is in the Lake, and is inserted in the License, so that the Licensees under the power of the License may always be in a position to keep off trading gill net fishermen, who would bar and block up the approaches to the River. --

And with due respect  
 Hon. Minister I have, &c.  
 John W. Lewis  
 J. W.

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Tuesday, 14. January 1879. --

On B. beach, and B. bay, -- getting names of men employed, went up to Mr. Wulpages and had dinner, & then on up the River, to the M. M. B. wharf, where we got the boat in time, went out at 11.30 a.m. came in at 5.30 p.m., and 30. Mr. Little \$2.00.

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Monday, 20. January 1879.

On B. bay -- all day -- collecting License fees, went out at 11 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. and 30. Mr. Little 2.00. In River with me, dinner 50.

Sir,

Nov. 12, 1879,

I have the honor to report to you in confirmation of former report of the 13<sup>th</sup> of November last, that on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> inst. at Streetsville, in the Township of Toronto, and County of Peel, I had John Young, a boy of 13 years of age, brought before me, and John Wright and added a Salmon (a juvenile fish,) ten pounds weight, in the Credit River, on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November last, and for having the same in his possession: Also I had Solomon Caslos of the Township of Toronto, brought before me, for having been a participant of a portion of the said Salmon, after being caught on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November last.

I also had John Wright of the Township of Toronto, brought before me for having a Salmon in his possession in the month of October 1879, which he caught in a trap in the Credit River, near his residence, and to which he pleaded guilty, but said that he found the fish dead, on the flats. --

The boy said on observing the Salmon which appeared was injured, or in a state of death, from some cause or other, than that of having expired out, in the River below Goodrichs Mill, Streetsville, being on the banks of the river, accompanied by a smaller fish, the smaller fish, I supposed to be a gill, of about 3 pounds, which disappeared in deep water, while the large Salmon, waddled out in the stream on the surface at a curve in the River, when the boy, struck the fish on the head with a stone. -- The stream being very rapid here, forced the fish after being hit with the stone, which caused it to be washed back again to the bank of the River, when the boy caught it, and threw out the fish on the bank with his hands when a quantity of the eggs, perfectly ripe were found on the ground.

Sol. Caslos, who happened to be at the boys residence, when he got home, cleaned the fish, which after being cleaned, weighed 8 1/2 pounds. --

But I gave the boy the head and tail parts, taking the best part of the body for himself and so became liable to the law. -- I fined the boy John Young, Sol. Caslos, and John Wright \$20, each, or 30 days each in Muncipal Jail. --

But under the circumstances of these cases, I would respectfully beg leave to recommend that these fines be kept in abeyance, as a guarantee, that they will in future strictly obey the law.

See page 203. Contd.

Sir,

14, January 1879,

I have the honor to report, that I have just had a communication from Mr. J. W. Ramsey, Port Erie, regarding the license (24) license, so that he may begin to prepare the shacks - get out the poles, &c, and build the houses, fish shanties, and make preparations in a general way. - -

Will you be pleased at your convenience to forward to me the license. For delivery. -

Hon. Minister.

I have &amp;c,

Y. Y. Y.

John W. Kerr

D. O.

Sir.

21, January 1879,

I have the honor to report for your information, that today, John Davis fish dealer, here, received from Mr. R. B. Gordon, Wholesale Fish dealer - Montreal,

110 pounds of fresh speckled trout, which he reports to me, and has been since selling. - - The fish are very small; - I just taking twelve of them, to make one pound. - -

I would like to know if speckled trout, can be caught in Lower Canada or in the Province of Quebec, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> of January. - -

If so, and the legal excuse given, that they were so caught, I presume these fish can be sold in the Province of Ontario, same as heretofore, - I merely ask for the information. -

I have &amp;c,

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

Y. Y. Y.

D. O.

Friday, 24, January 1879. -

At Toronto, by Horse and buggy. - Richard Joyce paid me, \$5, license fee for year 1878.

Wm. Engledew, and James Joyce, promised to send me their license fees. - Heard that John Van Fleet, caught a salmon, on a light line - he had set in the 12 mile creek - last spring; - went out at 8. A.M. came in at 5. P.M. - Miles 40. - L. Kerr with me - dinner 50¢, St. and Cutter 2.00

Inhaled smoke, while looking at Joyce's smoked fish which injured me very much.



May 1890. 11. June 1890.  
There is some question as to the date of the  
first meeting of the committee on the subject of the  
the new and revised edition of the book.

You will please advise what to do.

When I returned to I will come down and go up to the  
place with him, as I was very much known about the  
very thing from people there last year, & he  
will with him and early.

Edin. 1842

Yes, John Deere  
Tractor

Hamilton, Ontario.

we are sending you our recommendations, for  
to the Historic Department, etc.

I beg leave to inform you that I have just received from the Hon. Board of Agriculture and Fisheries for the year 1874. - For the privilege of fishing between Wharfedale point and Boat House in Lake Lucerne. - You will of course find no fish with single head or gills?

The house is \$240 dollars, which agrees to be paid to me at once when I will deliver to you your share.

Wishing that pleasure and profit may be the mutual result to all concerned,

John W. Kanning Esq.  
Do. 1000

Dear Mr. [unclear]  
[unclear]  
[unclear]

3. ~~January 1979~~

My 8<sup>th</sup> Set. - )

18. January 1879.

Yours with \$30, enclosed, I just received, and I now send you your license, for year 1879. And I sincerely hope that you will have good takes of fish this season.

You will please observe by your license that you will not permit the book and long line fishermen to catch bait or set their long lines within your license limits.

And I hope you will take the earliest opportunity to  
stop. And with my best respects to you ever Yours.

10. Charles A. Gifford,  
Rt. 4, Ind.

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The particulars, we keep an accurate acct of all kinds of fish, you catch. Don't allow Young Warren or Young Shing to come back on your account any more, & they &

Mr. John Everingham,  
Fisherman,  
Cashmere, Onto.

12 January 1879,

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to get  
for me, a Wild Levi Turkey Gobbler, on receipt, and send  
him by express to me in a box, and you shall have your  
price for him. - I have five hens, but no gobbler. -

It is a long time since I last saw you, and  
heard from you, how is fishing, I hope you get  
along well, and with my kind regards,

Yrs. A. W. H.  
A. W. H.

On 25<sup>th</sup> January - paid back \$30.  
to Mr. A.

My dear Sir,

12 January 1879,

Will you be pleased to send me  
herewith for year 1879. Your money received  
today, and sent to Ottawa. -

And as I have had a good deal of trouble  
in getting back your License for you, I hope you  
will in return help me to stop all illegal fish-  
ing within your licensed limits - as per the power  
given you by law, and the third paragraph of  
your license. -

Stop but catching, and Young Thomas from  
seize fishing - and with kind regards to your father  
and Mother &c. &c. Believe me

Yours, W. H.

Mr. John Everingham  
Fisherman,  
Cashmere, Onto.

John H. H.  
D. O.

2. January 1879.  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a bank draft on, \$402,  
for the sum of Forty Dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the sum  
and year, 1879, as follows:

1. Messrs John and E. A. Davis, Boat Lic. For being present  
in the Niagara Falls, at York, License received and  
issued. — — — — — \$50.00
2. James Stewart, For special license in Albany, from  
1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1879, to 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1879. — — — — — \$1.00
3. Thomas Stewart, do do do do do do \$1.00
4. Wm. V. Spencer, do do do do do do \$1.00
5. Henry Foster, do do do do do do \$1.00
6. Henry Horn, do do do do do do \$1.00
7. John W. Smith, do do do do do do \$1.00
8. Wm. W. Payne, do do do do do do \$1.00
9. John Wadsworth, For a license to sell a license  
in the Niagara Falls, License received and  
issued for 1879, for the year 1878. — — — — — \$3.00

Will you be pleased to send me the 1878  
months license for the year 1878. — I only returned the  
money today; and please send me a license for the  
year 1879. — The amount for that year, \$3, was sent  
you on 12 Feb 1878, in shape No. 563.

I have &c

John Wadsworth  
4, 4, 4,

John Wadsworth  
Clerk,

Friday, 31. January 1879.

On B. bay, nearly all day, received 6.75, for spea-  
ing licenses, see letter of 1<sup>st</sup> February 1879, for \$10.  
Sent the department. went out at 8.50, a.m. came  
in at 6. p.m., miles about 30. 44 Cuts 2.00 dinner  
for two 50¢. — — —

A man drowned in Niagara Falls. —  
A man killed at Cuyahoga Falls.



21.

27, January, 1879.

I have the honor to report that have abundance of Shells, Tommy, Cross Staddock, and Cod fish, in the markets of my division at present for sale, Brought by the Railways from New Brunswick; and Portland U.S.

I Have &c.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

John W. Kent,

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

J.O.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

27, January, 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 415, in the sum of Twelve dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for past year, and this present year. --

1. Richard Joyce, Belton; For boat License in Lake Ontario for the last year 1878. -- \$ 5.00.

2. Messrs. John Allen and boy, of Niagara, on acct of hauling grounds there, please send me license on receipt for 1879. -- 3.00.

3. - Wm Bates; For spearing license in Burlington bay, and Dundas Marsh, - up to 20<sup>th</sup> of April next, 1879. -- 1.00.

4. Daniel Krupke For do, do, do, -- 1.00.

5. John Mayle. - For do, do, do, -- 1.00.

6. John Gerry For do, do, do, -- 1.00.

Total \$ 12.00.

Will you be pleased to send me Richard Joyce's Boat License for the present year. --

To be the same as last season. --

I Have &c.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister

John W. Kent

&c. &c. &c.

J.O.

Monday, 3. Feb: 1879.

at Merion, all night, saw Paddy Hawk, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6.30. p. m. Miles 32. By &c \$ 1.50.

27.

27. January 1877. -

I have the honor to receive your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. respecting the speckled trout reported on by me, as received by John Harris, fish dealer - Hamilton, from Mr. P. S. Jordan, wholesale dealer in Montreal. - - -

In reply, I beg most respectfully to report, that there was a small box of speckled trout with very young fish there, under a quantity of - - - several of them about half a pound each. - - -

But there was a box of speckled trout, young fish, say of about 15 pounds weight, "called?" I don't know it from the larger speckled trout (fish), in the same manner which I have no hesitation in reporting to you as my opinion, that it is illegal to catch, possess, or sell, and I hope you will be pleased to give orders and a caution to Mr. P. S. Jordan accordingly, who is brother-in-law to Mr. John Harris, fish dealer, Montreal.

And you might deem it expedient to instruct the Fishery Office, in whose division, these small young speckled trout are being caught, to visit the places, and stop the catching of them immediately. - - -

I am persuaded in my mind that this box of speckled trout comes under the full meaning of Section 13, sub section 9, as the young of speckled trout under the Fisheries Act. - - -

In future, I shall deem it incumbent upon me, and my duty to seize, confiscate, and give to some charitable institution, all young speckled trout, I may again find hereafter in my division, save they grow wherever they may. - - -

And I may add in conclusion, that I have on reading your letter, and contemplating this case just discussed, how it is that speckled trout are always so very small when caught by anglers in the trout streams of my division. - It is this, that when seen by them, are always kept by the anglers, instead of being sent back to the water, until they become larger. - older, - good sized fish to be caught, - and with due respect.

Yours faithfully,

I remain to





My dear Sir,

Yours received, containing the license fee of Fishing Station No. 17, in the St. Lawrence River, for the past year of 1878, -

Will you be pleased to send your license for the years 1877 and 1878. -

Under Regulations, all Licenses fees require to be paid in advance; - Your license fee, for this year, 1879, No. 17, is \$5.00, which please send me, and I will apply for, and get your license for you immediately. -

And for Heaven's sake my friend John, keep away the Yankees from your machine. -

And with my warm regards

Yours Truly,

John W. Kerr.

Mr John Wadsworth,

Fisherman,

Queenston

Onto.

27. January 1879.

Sir,

28. January 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 426, for the sum of Thirty four dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: as License fees, for this current season. -

1. John Everitt, License to fish one seine in the Niagara River, between Gilmore Road, and Beavers Mill, Township of Wellboughby: - License already received, and sent him this day. - \$ 30.00¢

2. Wm. Farr, For spearing license in B. bay, and Dundas Marsh, up to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April next, 1.00.

3. James Farr, For spearing license, do. do. - 1.00. -

4. Wm. H. Waterberry, For do. do. do. - 1.00.

5. G. H. Wheeler, For do. do. do. 1.00.

Total, \$ 34.00¢

Wm. Minister, &  
& &

I Have &  
John W. Kerr.  
J.O. -

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feby 1879.

On B. bay, 113. fishing boxes thereon, Collected \$ 15.75, for spearing licenses - see my report, and draft No 601, dated 8. February 1879. -

Went out at 8. A.M. came in at 6.30. p.m. -

Miles 30. 14 & B. 2.00. dinner for two 50¢

Sir,

1<sup>st</sup> February 1879,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft  
 \$10: for the sum of Ten dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this sum as  
 follows, for this current season. - - -

1. Ben. Leickmore,	For spearing license in the Grand Marsh and M. bay, say up to 20 <sup>th</sup> of April next,	\$1.00
2. Chris. Steapel,	For do. do. do.	1.00
3. John Smoak,	For do. do. do.	1.00
4. John Bates,	For do. do. do.	1.00
5. Robert Johnson,	For do. do. do.	1.00
6. Mich <sup>c</sup> . Buggan,	For do. do. do.	1.00
7. Charles Collins,	For do. do. do.	1.00
8. Geo. Wood,	For do. do. do.	1.00
9. Wm. Bayhame,	For do. do. do.	1.00
10. Thos. Freeman,	For do. do. do.	1.00
Total,		\$10.00

Yours faithfully,  
 J. W. W. K. S.  
 Ottawa,

I Have &c.  
 John W. K. S.  
 J. O.

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 1879. -

At S<sup>t</sup>. Catharines, and Niagara, found all regular,  
 saw Alfred Ball, - about his fishing with Loughurst  
 at the Laury, went out at 10, a.m. came in at 6.  
 p.m. miles about 48, Ry \$1.25, Stage 50 of dinner  
 40, Tea and bed 50 ¢ Total 2.65,

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1879. -

At Niagara. Sus: Bridge and Fort Erie, up  
 three miles on way to Ridgeway to see Mr.  
 John W. Ramsey, - whom I met and returned to  
 Fort Erie, - thence to Black Rock, back and down  
 the River to see John Everett, - arranged with him  
 about Peter & Belle, and his brother George fishing  
 in front of their own lot in the River - Town-  
 ship Bertie, saw C. A. Harris house - thence  
 back to Niagara - went out at 8 a.m. came  
 in at 8.30 p.m. miles 66. Ry fare \$2, of  
 breakfast dinner and tea - bed \$1. Ferry 20  
 \$4.00 \$1. - Bus 15' 2c 4.35

Sir,

28 October 1878.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will now be pleased to put at once the petition of Messrs. Charles J. Stevens and John Bennett, of Fort Erie, fishermen, for the seasons then set forth, and for years to come, and which I can give personal knowledge was in fact in the and chiefly correct in every particular.

And I strongly recommend that you will be pleased to cancel the order in this matter, which was made on Thursday 20th March 1878. - Very respectfully,

For the last time in this world that the American Government who control the waters of the Niagara River, American waters of it, never observed on behalf of their fishermen, who since have fished therein <sup>and do not obey</sup> the Agreement on their part, while the petitioners have obediently done so, to their great loss and injury, because ordered by you to that effect.

When I was consulted by you about this matter in your letter to me dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1877, I felt no hesitation in stating facts, please refer to my reply dated 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1877. Thus!

4<sup>th</sup> "Whether it would be desirable for purposes of protection, and in order to afford better inducements to sportsmen to close that (portion) part of Niagara River against all fishing, and allow angling therein."

My reply then was as this!! - In reply to No. 4, I beg most respectfully to repeat that I do not consider it advisable nor yet desirable for the purposes of protection, and in order to afford better inducements to sportsmen to close that part of the Niagara River, you refer to, as against all net fishing, and allow only angling therein; because from the facts, that for the four seasons, fished during legal seasons in the Niagara River, on the Canadian side of the River, within the bounds you have referred to there, are about 20 seines, besides other nets fished in American waters, on the American side of the River, during all seasons, and without any restrictions, nor regard to close seasons whatever, and which our fishermen do observe. - These waters bring forth fish abundantly.

It is a great breeding place, and nursery for Lake Erie, besides set hooks, and long lines are numerous fished therein, each year, during winter and spring; by Germans, French, Irish, English, Americans, and people of other nationalities, resident of the City of Buffalo, and Black Rock, U.S. - who in fishing for the Buffalo market, for pickled sturgeon, destroy and use up the young fish by millions, as bait to catch the large fish named -



These men wish to make a living by supplying the inhabitants of the large city of Buffalo. . . .

To set the River apart for 3 years, would be advisable, and stop all kinds of fishing therein, during that period, but until an arrangement is made with the American Federal Government to such an effect, who! it is to be hoped would coincide with your views and carry them into effect, and operation on their part, I can see no earthly use, in attempting what you propose, as it would otherwise be so damaging to our fishermen, &c. and their prospects in life. . . .

I may here state that I highly approve of your proposition, provided it would be carried out to the benefit of all persons concerned. . . .

You will please perceive, what an extensive portion of the Niagara River, there is, as referred to, by you already within the Canadian boundary of Niagara River, and where no angling nor fishing of any kind is being carried on, either by fishermen nor sportsmen. . . .

I may say, that when I sent the above to you as my conviction, and facts, in reply to your Query, 18<sup>th</sup> 4, I felt satisfied, that I had set the matter at rest. -

You will please judge then of my surprise, when I received your Order in Council, - That the following regulation was adopted: -

"Fishing by means of seines or Nets of any description, be and is hereby prohibited in that part of the Niagara River, extending from the Falls, to the Old Fort, Fort Erie, in the Province of Ontario? -

According to the provisions of the Fisheries Act, my duty is to carry out the law and your orders, and this I have carefully done, and I must add that the Fort Erie, Seine net fishermen, have up to this date strictly obeyed your order, in Council, while the American Seine Net fishermen, have never done so. - Three seines are being now fished daily between the Queen City Mills, and Squaw Island, Black Rock, N. Y. <sup>1/2</sup> mile. say within the limit of one half mile. - I saw them there myself on Friday last. whilst their sportsmen are just as reckless, and they broke the law within our waters in catching bass during close season, - as I reported the facts to you at the time: "30, May 1878".

I hope under all the circumstances set forth by me, and the petition so plainly laid before you, that you

will be pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners, because I believe the petitioners are deserving of your munificence and kind consideration. --

I recommend the prayer of the petition being at once granted, and that you will be pleased to issue a License to Messrs. Chester A. Harris, and John Harris, for seine hauling ground in the St. River, they recently held, and to Mr. John Everett, a similar license. --

And I may add, that the Americans the owners of the three seines referred to, commenced this fall, to seine herring, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month, and are now daily and nightly catching sterling and pickered, not even excepting Sundays. Pardon me for trespassing on your time, and with due respect.

Hon: Minister

I Have, &c.  
John W. Kern  
D.O.

Sir:

4, February 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 449, for the sum of Seven dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, as follows: &c. &c. --

1. Wm. Ingledew, Bronte, For Boat License to fish 3,000 yards of S. Trout, White fish, and bisco gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Alden, for year 1878, received license and delivered it. \$5.00.
2. J. D. Lafferty, For Spearing license in Dundas, Blain, and B. bay, - from 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 20. April 1879. .. 1.00.
3. Wm. Scott, For spearing license, do do. .. 5.00.

Please send me Boat License, for Wm. Ingledew, for this current year, same as above. --

I Have &c

Hon: Minister

John W. Kern  
D.O.

postages 21.

Telegraphs 32.

postages 21.

Important,

5. Feb: 1879. -

My dear Sir,

Yours received, I am glad to hear that you are on the alert, about the saw dust, and ashes being kept out of the 12, and 16 Mile Creeks. - I spoke to the man, Taylor, at Bronte Mill myself, last Friday Week, when I was there. -

I heard again recently, that several salmon, large sized fish, were seen at the dam, above Railway Bridge, last year, and this large fish of the number seen in it. - In 12. Mile Creek. -

I also heard, when last in Bronte, that John Van-leet, of Bronte, caught a salmon last spring, in the 12, on a drift hook and line, but that he kept it very quiet. - I wrote you on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November last, that salmon were seen in this Creek, and I then gave you instructions about them.

With kind regards,  
John W. Ross  
F.O.

Sir,

5. February 1879. -

I have the honor to send you, Bank of Montreal No: 451, for the sum of Two Hundred and forty dollars. -

Will you be pleased, to apply this amount for a Round Bet license in the name of John W. Ramsey, of Fort Erie. -

For to give your pound nets, with single heads or pots, in Lake Erie, between Windmill Point, and Point Abino, situated in the Township of Bertie, and County of Welland, during the year 1879. -

I delivered the license today.

And with due respect

I Have To  
John W. Ross  
F.O.

Hon: Minister



Sir,

8. February 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 100 for the sum of Fifteen dollars, and seventy five cents.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, on speaking licenses in the Dundas Marsh, and Burlington Bay, from 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April next, as follows;

1. George Myers, -	Hamilton, -	\$ 25.
2. Thomas Jones, -	Salisbury, -	1. 00.
3. James Doyle, -	Hamilton, -	1. 00.
4. Henry Best, -	Glamboro, East, -	1. 00.
5. Charles Chisholm, -	do, -	1. 00.
6. George Bent, -	Wellington Square, -	1. 00.
7. James Smith, -	Hamilton, -	... 50.
8. James Ellis, -	Glamboro East, -	1. 00.
9. Wm. Rose, -	do, -	1. 00.
10. W. D. Curtis, -	do, -	1. 00.
11. Aaron Boden, -	Barton, -	1. 00.
12. Charles Smith, -	Hamilton, -	1. 00.
13. Jerry Hudson, -	do, -	1. 00.
14. James Gardiner, -	do, -	1. 00.
15. George Croft, -	do, -	1. 00.
16. Joseph Gates, -	do, -	1. 00.
17. Marshal Blaine, -	do, -	1. 00.

Total \$ 15. 75.

Hon. Minister,

I Have, &amp;c,

John W. Kerr

P.O.

Stationery, paper - 34, -  
 Telegraphs, - 40, -  
 Note paper, - 20, -

Wednesday 12. February 1879. -  
 at Niagara, S. Bridge and Hamilton, had a  
 conversation with Jack Bolton, about notice served  
 by Thos Elliot, on his brother Charles - but that  
 he did not receive any notice himself. went  
 out at 8. a.m, came in at 2. p.m. Miles 60.  
 Ry fare \$1.50, breakfast 25, Street Car 5¢

Rev. —

13. February 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you for information as follows:

Messrs. E. J. Wells, and Isaac Holloway, of the City of Buffalo, N. York, United States, own the land, and a swamp, at Point Abino, township of Burtis, and County of Wanda, on Lake Erie, both above and below point Abino, from which they supply Buffalo with fine sand, and Coarse gravel. —

Will you be pleased to let me know if the deed issued to these persons, had the usual reservation of one chain for fishing purposes inserted therein. — or if not too much trouble, I would to obtain a copy of the deed or patent from the Crown. —

I want it in connection with the Found Net license, recently issued, by the department, to Mr. John W. Kassar, — so that I may be able to advise him in the premises. —

Hon. Minister

I have &c.

John W. Kassar  
J. W.

P.S. — Except to land something in a boat, Kassar will not go there, all the remainder of the beach between the point, is free to the public. — Wells & Co. have printed notices up, warning trespassers.

J. W. Kassar

J. W.

Notice to N. Beach fishermen. —

The Burlington Beach fishermen, who have haul, and fish gill nets, in Lake Ontario, will take notice, that all license fees for year 1879, will have to be paid before fishing is commenced. —

Fishermen now engaged fishing gill nets, for Cisco's, must pay at once.

John W. Kassar  
J. W.

Hamilton Onto

13. Feb 1879. —

Person speaking fish, must pay up.  
Sent Copy to Queenston,  
Burtis

Frenchman's bay, —  
Leslieville and Toronto.

J. W. Kassar  
J. W.

Notice to the Niagara Fishermen. —

The Niagara fishermen, will take Notice, that all fees for fishing during this year\* in Canadian waters, will have to be paid to me, before the fishing is commenced. —

The Two River Trading grounds in Lake Ontario, between the Two, and the Four mile Creeks, in the Township of Niagara, being now vacant, will be licensed, on application to me. —

Hamilton, Onto.

13. February 1879. —

John W. Kerr

H. Oversee, N.Y. 1879.

My dear Sir,

I was at Fort Erie, and Victoria, on Thursday last, and would have gone down and seen you and your brother George, only I got a bad cold. —

I may have told you, that you and your brother can have a license this year 1879 — for to fish in Niagara River, with seine, and Hooks and long lines, for the sum of Five dollars — On remitting to me this amount, I will at once apply and get for you, the Annual license. —

In the mean time, please tell your brother George, he can go on fishing.

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr

J. W. Kerr  
N.Y.

13. Feb 1879.

please send me the number of your lot

My dear Harry,

Will you be pleased to make the enclosed Notice as public as possible — by reading it, for Joe and Joe Gabriel, John Wadsworth, and David B. B. B.

Please don't allow the Yankee fishermen to fish on your river any more. —

I just heard on Thursday last, when at Niagara that Jack Bolton & Son, caught a great many sturgeon on your river fishing last year. — Stop everything, this year, and believe me,

Yours fraternally,  
John W. Kerr  
N.Y.

Hamilton, Onto.  
13. Feb 1879.



Tuesday 18. Feb: 1879. —

At Fort Erie, and Ridgeway, to see Mr. John W. Ramsey, and the Point, etc. — The fort, the Tunnel, the Streets, and a part of the plain, was set, the plain would be about 55. Miles long. The fort is 22 ft. square, — went out at 8. a. m. came in at 9. p. m. Miles 96. — Railway fare \$2.00 of, dinner, tea and bed 75¢ took very ill during the night. — Lysol \$1. —

Wednesday 19. February 1879. —

At Fort Erie, Buffalo. Susp. Bridge and home. was obliged to drink brandy to cure my bowel complaint, went out at 7.30. a. m. came in at 2.30. p. m. — Miles 69. Ry fare, &c. 2.00. breakfast, dinner 50¢ and do 50¢. —

Thursday 20. February 1879. —

On N. bay. found all regular. — went out at 9. a. m. came in at 5.30. p. m. Miles about 25. St.utter 1.50, dinner 50¢.

Sir,

24. Feb: 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for about fifty copies of the printed Notices, published, defining the close season for pickered, bass, and Mackinongs; for posting up in my division. — and with me respect.

Hon: Minister

I have &c.

John W. Ramsey  
J. W.

Close Season Notices for 1879.

To,

as follows:

William Woollard,	Lewis Belfry,	Mrs. C. Reid,
Francis Fortwaine,	M. Christian,	D. Werra,
Peter Rath	Thos. Elliot,	Thos. Mansfield
Wm. Cowan,	John Proudfoot,	Rich. Gilbert,
Alfred Ball & Coy,	Jos. Cantwell,	W. D. Frolock,
	and Patrick Hand,	

paid postage 16.

Sir,

21. Feb: 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you for the sum of One Hundred dollars. - An Advance.

As I will require to be on the alert shortly, in connection with the Salmon, and speckled trout streams of my division so as to protect the fish, and take action to keep out saw dust, and Mill rubbish.

I may here state that the saw dust and mill rubbish is very often let off from the Mills, into the great flood of freshet, and I want to have all this, in the way of credit and lumber - more particularly, stream, at present clean and pure, since the September freshet of last year. -

I require this amount on hand, for incidental expenses, to meet all such emergencies, &c.

And with due respect

Yours,

J. W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to inform me, when you will be able to procure for me a dozen of live, living Mackinows. - I am aware that several large and small fish, are caught at Dunville and Staldiman, in the Grand River - in the early part of each year, so I want you to procure for me all that may be caught there this year, keep them alive for me in the boxes, and I will, on advised by you come up for them, bringing the means with me, for taking them safely away. - - - as a matter of course, I will pay you for them. - -

And now my friend, will you drop me a line and tell me what prospect there is of getting them, and how soon,

And now in conclusion, accept my kindest regards - -

Yours Truly,

John W. Kerr

J. W. Kerr

Hamilton Onto

24. Feb: 1879.

Mr. Marcene Green,  
Fisherman  
Dunville, Onto.

P.S. The Secords at Staldiman, and your brother will I hope assist you to do this for me.

also wrote A. H. Frobb,

Samuel Wilmot.

John W. Kerr  
J. W. Kerr

My dear Mr. Ross. —

26. Feb: 1879.

I want from you immediately a good New Tike Net, for to set in B. bay, to catch bass. —

Have you got one large enough for the purpose? if not! please make me a good one immediately. — I will of course pay for it. —

When you commence fishing this year, will you be so good as to keep for me alive, all the blackmongs you catch, keep them alive in your boxes, telegraph me, and I will come for them and pay you.

Henry Ross,  
Port Maitland,

Yrs &c  
John W. Kerr  
F.O.

S. S. And now my old friend, how do you and our remembrance me kindly to your wife, and the several members of your family.

Yrs &c J. W. Kerr  
Has James commenced to fish here? how at full Island yet, do they catch bass or blackmongs in them, answers on return of mail.

28. Feb: 1879. Friday. —

On B. bay and B. beach — Had abused me, gave Tike Net to Mr. Ferguson to mend and repair it. — went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. killed 24. M. & L. —

Sat: 1 March 1879. —

On B. bay and beach, thence to Hamilton, and got banded to convey bass to Offa. — Tike Net, not yet repaired — went out at 1. p.m. came in at 6. p.m. — killed 20. M. & L. —

5.00

2.00

2.00



My dear Sir,

Having applied to the Fishery Department, to know the price  
 of the licenses of that office, I now send you a copy of the same for  
 your information, and I say, however, that I shall be happy to have  
 right to whatever to the matter of Lake Erie, in which you are so  
 interested.

Now, thanks for your telegraph, I hope everything will turn out  
 to your advantage. Please don't forget to tell me, when you  
 come up in your boat. Believe me, Yours, etc.

John W. Conway Esq.  
 Baiter, Baiter

John W. Conway

27. Feb: 1879 -

My dear Sir,

27. Feb: 1879.

I am just in receipt of your application for a fish  
 license, for lots 10, 11, and 12, in the Niagara River at Chertsey together  
 with four dollars on acct of the same, and will immediately apply for your  
 license. As regards 14 and 19, applied for by Joe, I am directed by  
 the Department, not to apply any more for a fishing license unless I  
 send the money with it, as no license will be sent me for delivery  
 until the money is just received at Ottawa. - I had got this for  
 when I received your letter containing the acct of lot 17, 18, 19  
 soon, I will come down to Niagara, and will write you later  
 how, so as that we may meet at Chertsey, and that I may be  
 in a ready manner as usual, and believe me,

Yours faithfully,  
 Joseph Gabriel Esq.  
 J. Garrison

Yours faithfully,  
 John W. Conway  
 Esq.

Private. I see by the mail today that  
 Mr. Burke has thrown up, and all roads to the  
 G. L. plank will be good all the way.

If Joe does not get up a machine for id, he had  
 better say so, and let Mr. Wynne have it what  
 day you like.

Postages, 15¢; Joe a Barrel of 2.00¢  
 Express Charges on  
 Frye at 60¢

Mr. W. J. 152

Sir,

1<sup>st</sup> March 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 521, for the sum of Twenty five dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as follows; for this current year (1879.)

1. Abraham St. Grobb, "For seine hauling license to fish in 20. Mile pond and Creek, same as last year," -- \$ 15.00,

2. Joseph Gabriel, Jr. of Queeston, "Has a license, to fish a Machine in Lots, Nos 1, and 16, in the St. Agnes River, at Queeston, to be the same as last year, sent on a/c." -- \$ 4.00.

3. Joseph Gabriel, Jr. of Queeston, "For a license to spear Sturgeon, on lot No: 19, in the Niagara River, at Queeston." -- \$ 3.00.

4. Lewis Bafey. "For boat license, to fish 500 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of lot No: 10. 1<sup>st</sup> concession of franchise this is for year 1878." -- \$ 3.00.

I only require Licenses, for the three just named, for this year. -- Total \$ 25.00

The Hon.

I Have &amp;c.

Minister

John W. Kerr

P.O.

My dear Sir, I am in receipt of your application for permission to commence fishing in the 16 Mile pond. Forwarding the receipt of your license for this current year. -- You can do so. --

I want to procure about One Hundred black or silver bass, alive, for to send to Ottawa. When you have caught that many keep them alive in a box or barrel, and on sending me word I will come immediately down, pay you for them and fetch a barrel with me and take them away. -- And I send you, your license for last year. With kind regards,

Mr. Richard Gilbert,  
Fisherman --  
16. Mile Creek,  
Middleport N. O.

Yr. truly,  
John W. Kerr  
P.O.

7. March 1879.

Postages 75 c.

Will you be pleased to find herewith enclosed  
Telegraph, from Mr. Whitaker for you

I am using every endeavor to procure for you the  
bass, in several quantities, and will route, and deliver up to you  
whenever I may be fortunate in getting for you an abundant  
supply.

Yours very truly,  
W. J. Whitaker

Alley, Bessy Esq  
O'Neill's

Mar 10 1899

W. J. Whitaker Esq  
of J. W. R. Co.

Christ will himself bring  
the fish he collects, please therefore attend solely to  
those you may get elsewhere - thank you for letter about  
fishing at Lake St. Clair. -

W. J. Whitaker

Monday, 10, March 1899, -

At Union - found all regular, no fishing yet, -  
arranged with Paddy Hand to go out on tomorrow  
and catch Trout & White fish, for the send to Mr.  
W. J. Whitaker. Commissioner at Ottawa. - went out  
at 8, a.m. came in at 6.20, p.m. - miles 34.  
Ref fare 60¢ NY B. 1.50, dinner 25¢

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of your application for  
a license to fish & seine at the Range in Ontario the  
pike gill nets in the Range marsh, for this current season. -

Will you be pleased to send me, the usual fee, five  
dollars - and I will apply for, and recommend a license  
may (if possible) be granted, just as you have advised me. -

With kind regards,

Yrs truly,  
John A. Baird

Wm Cowan Esq  
Post Office  
Annapolis

11 March 1899



Sir,

10. March 1879.

I have received report, that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1878, at Fort Erie, I found Still having Police all present, Clifton, County of Windsor, - I had John M. Guler, and Andrew Harrison, of Berwick, fined five dollars, and 2.50. each, or 8. days in Jail, which amount they there and then paid. -

Please refer to my report of 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 1878; - By which you will see, I have charged them; with fishing, catching and killing fish in Lake Erie, at Portia, without a license from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, at Ottawa.

On that occasion Mr Still informed me, that he received all fines to the Provincial Government, Toronto.

As five dollars of these fines (10.) belongs to the Fisheries Department, and the other five dollars belongs to me,

Please refer to Section 16, and sub section 5. of the Fisheries Act; - I beg now to apprise you, so that if this five dollars, has not been already received by you, you will be pleased to apply for it. -

And with due respect,

Hon. Minister

I Have, &c.

John W. Laro  
J. O.

Sir,

11. March 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License, for Patrick, and John Stand the latter of Grimsby, and the former of Winona; - For to fish 4,000 Yards of Salmon Trout, White fish, and Cherry gill nets each; in Lake Ontario, in front of the Townships of Saltfleet, Grimsby, and a small portion of Chilton, say to Cusps Creek; - The license fee to be Two dollars each, payable on delivery. -

Will you be pleased to send me a separate license for each, for this current year. -

And with due respect,

I Have, &c.

Hon. Minister

John W. Laro  
J. O.

License 5.00.

Telegraph 25¢

dues for

My dear Sir

Yours received, and I sent you by express, to-day, addressed to Henry Ross, Fisherman, Dunnville - and I telegraphed you - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of time for you, to make for me the Doyle net; It is hard time, which I believe is the best; - If you consider the purse, should be longer than ten feet, you can make it so; I also sent you half a pound of large time for the lead line, and Cork line of the Wings, and for the running strings of the purse, and Wings. -

And now make it for me as soon as possible put in the hoops, and traps, and fasten on the wings, and send to me by express - you need not put Cork or lead on, as I then do that here. -

Have you any news for me, at all. With kind regards believe me, Very truly yours,

Mr Henry Ross,  
Fisherman  
Port Charlotte

J. A.  
Hamilton, Onto

11. March 1879.

Sent notices to  
" " " " Hobie Keith, -  
" " " " George White, -  
" " " " Thomas Reid, -  
" " " " Charles Murdock, -  
" " " " John Bolton, -  
" " " " John Wadsworth, -

Wednesday, 12. March 1879,  
at Port Credit The Stumber - and Toronto Island,  
saw Patrick Gray, and W. Ward - heard Billy Ward  
had caught 100 trout; - Was very dissatisfiable about his  
license fee - See my report for licenses dated 17 $\frac{1}{3}$   
of March, went out at 6. a.m. came in at 4.50  
p.m. Miles 44. Ry fare 1.00. breakfast dinner and tea  
75¢. 14¢ B. 1.00. Boat 50¢, bed 25¢.

Thursday, 13. March 1879. -  
at Toronto Island. City of Toronto, saw Mr. Doyle  
got off 5. from Mr. Gray. for J. Portwine license for  
1878, James Simpson gave me off 4. for same license  
at Ashbridges Bay. L. Ontario 540. pounds S. P. Mr. H.  
told me Billy Ward sold to her - Thence home.  
Miles 44. Ry fare 1. Breakfast 25¢ and  
Boat 50¢.

13, New York City

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No. 557, for the sum of Eight dollars. ---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season, &c. as follows; "as license fees" ---

1. James Simpson, Toronto, For seine hauling ground at the head, Toronto bay, - from the wharf down the beach side of Lake Ontario, on south side of Ashbridges bay, for a distance of 300 yards, - for 1879. - "Seine license" - 150. Seine. - \$4.00.
  2. David Fitch, B. Bch. Spearing license in B. bay, upto 20. apr 1. 00.
  3. Geo. Skuse, Hamilton, Spearing license - do. 1. 00.
  4. Francis Portman, Gates' Gulley, - For boat license to fish 2000 yards, S. T. and White fish gill net, in L. Ontario, in front of the Township of Scarborough, for past year 1878. delivered; - 5. 00.
  5. Peter Rath, Port Dalhousie, - For boat license to fish 3,000, yards of S. T. White fish and Herring gill net, in L. Ontario, in front of the Township of Grantham for 1878. - del<sup>d</sup> 5. 00.
- Total, \$16.00
- and with due respect,

Hon: Minister,  
Y. Y. Y.

I have, &c.  
John W. Kerr  
T.O.

Sir,

15, March 1879.

I have the honor to send you, herewith, Bank draft No. 566, for five dollars. ---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as License fee for this current season, in the Niagara River, from the wharf at Queenston to the Black Horse Tavern; as a seine hauling ground to Mr. Henry Sheppard, of Queenston; The license to be the same as last season; and with due respect,

Hon: Minister,  
Y. Y. Y.

I have &c.  
John W. Kerr  
T.O.

Monday, 17. March 1879.

On B. Heights, all O.K. went out at 9.30. a.m. came in at 1. p.m. Miles S. H. & B. 1.50. ---



I have the honor to apply to you, on behalf of the  
 fishers of the district (first) district, and extending up to the mouth  
 of the St. Lawrence River. I am to the ship, they, which ought to be  
 instantly granted. I am the privilege of fishing 400 yards of gill  
 nets in the river St. Lawrence, and all this spring, and up to  
 the first of July. - I recommended this license to be granted to  
 Francis and John Littlefield, of St. Lawrence, at \$5, for the present  
 season. -

Hon. Ministers,  
 Yr. Yr. Yr.

I have to  
 John W. Kerr  
 P.O.

I have the honor to apply to you, on behalf of  
 John William Woodard, of Belleville. - I am to fish 400 yards of  
 white fish and salmon nets in Lake Ontario, in this  
 current season, in part of the township of St. Lawrence, at same  
 rate (\$5) as last year. I recommended the same to be granted to  
 me at once.

Hon. Ministers  
 Yr. Yr. Yr.

I have to  
 John W. Kerr  
 P.O.

I have the honor to apply to you, on behalf of  
 John to fish 1400 yards of white fish. I am to fish in Lake On-  
 tario, in part of the township, including 400 yards, of gill  
 nets to be fished in the township and Hamilton all this  
 spring and up to the first of July at the rate of five dollars. -

Please send me license which I recommended and  
 be granted at once do, &c. The St. Lawrence River

Hon. Ministers  
 Yr. Yr. Yr.

I have to  
 John W. Kerr  
 P.O.

On the 19. March - White Co.  
 Henry Chapman

St. John's River  
 Re. L. of St. Lawrence  
 William Kerr

1879,

I have the honor to apply to you, and I recommend that David's hauling licenses be granted on Toronto Island, to Messrs<sup>rs</sup> Patrick Gray, and also David's Ward, "at one for each," - licenses to be the same as last season. -

And also a Boat License for Mr David Ward, of Toronto Island, for to fish in Lake Ontario, same as last year, except the license fee, which I recommend is only to be ten dollars this season, -

Also a hauling license for Mr Patrick Gray, of Toronto Island; - for to fish a time for suckers, bluelots, &c, on the west side of the harbor, in Lake Ontario, to be the same as last season. -

I take the liberty here of reporting to you, that Mr David Ward, the licensee, and his son William Ward, "who fishes for him", are dissatisfied; because of the present boat license fee of \$20, as compare with Boat license fees on the upper lakes. -

"I may as well tell you, that David, wanted a free, license this year; because a few years ago, you were pleased to exempt so. William from paying fee, when his wife died, and he hardly fished any that season, and had a large family." -

And because David Wards, Municipal Tax of his Toronto Island property, a New House, and lot, they own - was \$80. - And because his sons wife (Wm) died; and because the fishing was not quite as good last year, as it was previous years; because in fact I would not allow him to have that license, but let him go, and catch and sell young white fish, all year, or permit him to fish in the Island for a season. -

Mr David Wards man - Geo. Giesse, was fined by me last year for catching, and selling small young white fish. - I permitted David Ward, to go, with a license. - Now! Mr Patrick Gray, altho fined, for a like offence, does not mind at paying \$30, as an annual license fee. -

David Ward also complains that as a fisherman he has to pay \$100 on Toronto Island on the land and boat, when he fishes. -

As a consequence, between Lake Huron fishermen, and Toronto Island fishermen - it is simply this, a fisherman on Lake Huron, gets but a police for catching the fish - the owner of the boat and boat sells for \$40, a season, while David Ward gets a police for catching, and Toronto Island fishermen. -





... as the ... is, and when the ...  
... and ... were given up for the American  
... and home markets, taking the ... hauling as a test,  
... to judge by. - It was able to impose fines,  
on several persons for catching young White fish, with  
... as you are aware. -

I both reference to that part of the petition, asking  
for the privilege of fishing pound nets in L. Ontario, by the  
petitioners; I have the honor to report that I am opposed  
to the fishing of pound nets in L. Ontario, and cannot  
accede to, nor recommend the prayer of the petition, in  
that behalf, and I know from enquiry, I have made,  
that the petitioners never meant to apply for such a  
death like, destructive, and so sweeping a privilege,  
and which the hardy, hard working fishermen of my  
division know, are most destructive and injurious to  
our fisheries, more particularly, to young White fish. -

Why Sir? - If such a permission was granted, in  
L. Ontario, the name of White fish in 5 years from this  
time, would be among the fish of the past, - And  
our hardy petitioners fishermen would not reap  
any benefit, as they possess no means to get up  
pound nets, and very few of the owners of the  
pound nets fished in L. Erie, were bred or brought  
as Canadian fishermen. -

I believe there is no order in Council, the  
fisheries act, does not apply to any rule regulation nor a  
made to go by, in the fishing of Pound nets, in L. Erie, -  
The sizes of the meshes in either the hearts, or wings, the  
pot, nor in the main lead net, is not given. - The only  
thing I find to the advantage of the fish, is that nets of  
this description are to be lifted, which I presume has  
only reference to the lure, of the pound, - or raised, between  
6 o'clock, on a Tuesday evening, until 6 o'clock, a.m., on the  
following Monday morning, &c. - &c.

Please refer to section 13, sub section 14, of the  
fisheries act; It is should be established by regulation  
in Council for all the various close seasons of fish,  
and during spawning time, so far as refer to pound  
net fishing. -

On a recent occasion I recommended a Li-  
cense to be given to you to Mr. John W. Ramsey, of  
L. Erie, to fish for pike - single heads or pots.  
The same is returned from Mr. Albino, and Mr. N. C.  
... to ... of ...

at 60. dollars, per pound, and I should think it of the same  
net fishermen. I think, however, that a fair price for the  
Railway accommodation and freezing processes, being so  
near to save and <sup>to</sup> sell the fish. —

I made this application for the Bay, <sup>because</sup> I believe there are few white fish in this part of L. Erie - pickerel, sturgeon, herring, and bass, being the principal fish in the water to be seen, and because I wanted for to see pound net fishing tested in my division for the first time, so that I may be enabled to study the procedure or proceeding, and so report to you from time to time; whatever I may by own personal observation discover, as a precedent appears in the protection of the fish, as in regard to the fishing of pound nets, so as at some future time respectfully lay before you my humble views in the matter, if you so desired it.

But as to my advising, or recommending that power nets be fished in L. Ontario, I cannot do so, as other people not bad up fishermen would be the recipients of the indulgence, and as it is now in L. Erie, west from York Island. — — and because of the great abundance of Young White fish, whose giddy nature, fond of company, would lead them to congregate in power nets, by millions, and so there would be an end to them. —

The only legitimate net for the catch, kill, or take  
white fish, is a 5 x 5 ft. net, of not much extension  
measured. —

"The Whittier, the Commissioner will say, I am right in this." —

And I hope I shall live to see the day, when no other net for white fish, will be in use; and that every respective class of fish, will have their respective seasons, for being caught in. - Apologizing for writing so much, but I hope to the point.

I have the

Hon: Ministers.

Robert King

7. a.

for the Charles  
La Crosse

La Casa es

11 Arizona 25

18. March 1879.

As you have to send me the amount of \$10.562, for the license of my license. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:

1. Wm Bowman - Port Union - For a seine hauling ground in Ontario, west side of the River Rouge, <sup>County of Wayne</sup> for this current season, to be the same as last year - please send me at once, the license \$ 5.00,

2. The same for Wm Bowman - for a seine hauling ground in Ontario, west side of the River Rouge, for this current season, to be the same as last year - please send me at once, the license \$ 1.00.

The Minister,

Total \$ 6.00.

I am,

Yours,

My dear Sir,

Your application for the fifteen mile pond received. If you send me five dollars, I will apply for a license for you, of the fifteen. - All licenses fees must be paid in advance.

J. S. Grady  
John S. Grady  
J. S.

Mr David Tyson,  
Fisherman,  
Barnstable.

19. Mar: 1879.

Sent letter this day to Sandy Bagg.

My dear Peter,

Will you be so good, as to send me your Boat License fee (\$5.) for this current year (1879.) and I will apply for at once and for you, your license, don't fail. And with kind regards. Y.

Mr Peter Bath,  
Fisherman,  
Barnstable.

J. S. Grady  
John S. Grady  
J. S.

19. Mar: 1879.





Friday, 21. March 1879.

At Queenston, Niagara and Queenston - also watching the River at Cooper's, until 12. midnight, but no person came there, Harry Sheppard, his three sons - James Sheppard and Joe Gabriel Jr. were with me watching; - Breakfast dinner tea and bed  
1.25. 54x B. 1.50. Miles 20.

Inspected the Springs at Old Fort George; - and the Ferry Barrack - for a fish Breeding Establishment. -

Saturday, 22., March 1879. -

at Queenston, S. Bridge, Hamilton, and Stone, all right, got a Hen quail from Young Sheppard - went out at 7.35. A.M. came in at 1. P.M., Miles 56. -  
144 B. 1.50. - Breakfast 25. Ry fare 1.50.

Telegraph 30. F. Lark 25 F.

Mr. John Bolton, Fisherman, Niagara. - -  
My dear Sir,

I have made enquiries in the Post office, here, for the letter you referred to, as an answer to my letter to you dated 15. of February last, but it cannot be found, and so I never received it.

I obtained McGraw, and Winnett-telegraph, to your brother Charles Bolton, from Mayor Paffard, which does not amount to anything, as McGraw and Winnett being only I presume Lessees, of the Queens Royal Hotel Niagara, and premises as joined in. - -

Once more, I will ask you to consider your verbal answer given to me on last Friday, and remove away the objectionable Boat House and Reels, from the river, as they have no right to be, so that I may be able to report to the Hon. The Minister of Marine Fisheries - Ottawa, that you have done so. -

Yours, &c.  
W. L. S.  
H. O.

*Des.*

24. Jan. 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours obedient servant,  
J. H. [Signature]

On Friday last, I was on the bank of the Kingston River, when I saw a pair of the same two beards at distance, in the middle of the stream with two more in each boat shooting in the air; I saw the blood down the river the day before last, and I saw the same in the morning.

Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, I was on the bank of the river, looking for ducks, when I observed a number of wild geese flying over the river, and a man with a gun; in front of him there were a number of the boys, about 30 in all, and a boat, and a number of ducks flying.

The first fishing ticket - of Ross season in which was  
dated 1st of July 1890; year of next week it will be taken  
from 1st of June to 1st of September, as usual.

If this is really the same form as it, will you be good enough to send me a copy, and I shall be glad to put it on my list of references.

[illegible]

the new building in the village is a fine one, and the  
church is a fine one.

I am the only one in town who has the honor of being a member of the "Society of the Friends of the Poor," and I am proud to say that I am the only one who has the honor of being a member of the "Society of the Friends of the Poor."

about Lexington, township of Niagara



... they are in your hands by the way. ...  
 I may mention to you in connection with this matter,  
 that this young man, James Sheppard, a courageous, making  
 now, and I, discredited the pro. and Cons. of the Game  
 Club, authority, to employ, empower, and authorize, H. H.  
 ... we had reluctantly to come to the conclusion, that  
 their authority would amount to nothing. - - -

A Game Club, to have power, and exercise power,  
 must be constituted by Law, or under some clause in the  
 act. - - For let us suppose a case; I go on to your  
 land, by authority. Your Sheriff Woodruffe, &c. I find a  
 killing game out of season; I take him up, and  
 fine him; you! as the owner of the land, sympathizing  
 with the man I have fined, you take me up for  
 trespassing on your farm, you fine me as James I am, I  
 had no legal right to be there, I am fined for trespass-  
 ing. - - The petty authority of Sheriff Woodruffe, &c. would  
 not save me from a fine for trespass, as under the  
 Trespass Act, fined I would be, besides being placed in a  
 humiliating position. - -

Good men and true, don't dare go to new risks, in  
 making up persons for violating the Game Law Act, and  
 afterwards, with usurers, for trespass. - - -

If the Game of the Country is to be preserved and  
 protected, a better law, than this was ever been in force,  
 will have to be enacted - for ever. - -

I would strongly recommend you to see to  
 it, at once, and make it a law. - -  
 W. H. Smith & Co. - -

Comd. of Fisheries

Ottawa, - -

Your obedient servant,  
 John H. Kerr  
 J. O.

Stationery 15 "

Tuesday, 25, March 1879,

On the Heights, 15, Bay, and B. Beach. - Found Ben;  
 Golds - had been out and fished up; Alex, and Frank  
 McDonald and Jack Daaf, were with him, and all had  
 Herring Gill nets, they had a few <sup>white</sup> fish and caught the  
 Ciscos; only caught about 300 Ciscos altogether. Informed  
 them, they must take out license; he & Daaf, also fished  
 up, told him same thing; got a glass of fish from Ben;  
 bought 25, worth from Dick Daaf, went out at 8.50.  
 A.M. came in at 5.30. P.M. - Miles 30. Cost B. 2.00,  
 Colls & cf, dinner for two 50. - - -

My dear Sir,

2. The ...

I made an application some short time ago, for to set off, as a sport, two additional game hauling grounds; in the Chicago Park, at the Crown of Chicago, where I expected to be in a position to get you a license, for to be a fish in one of them. --

The Fisheries Department, Ottawa, declines to agree to all the terms of my proposal, but it might agree the value of fish on the licensed grounds actually being fished on, and a cap on the license.

Yours respectfully,  
John H. Kent  
From

John H. Brown  
Jr.

Fr. —

1880

My dear Sir:-

I was in Toronto last Thursday week when I heard you, and Elizabeth Wright, were in Toronto, and that you had sent me twenty - or the other day - pounds of thread, for your nets. - I will thank you to send me your Bant's Cense Tree, \$5. each, as soon as you possibly can - as the money has to be paid just this year, before the money is spent or paid in again. -

As regards the live hunting ground business, that will have to be paid in like manner as the Rent business, by monthly payments.

is your thanks, wishing this year, this all best, and  
very dear - please let me hear from you - -

I had a letter a short time ago, from the Rev. Mr. J. P. Duffin, Clerk, of the Board, for Joseph Black, who is to give back the Leaves, but I can't see it, I hope not fail but send me leave for me to take it, and I hope to do likewise! I hope you are all in good health, and believe me, Yrs. &c.

Thomas Mansfield,

Franklin

Fruchtman, Hay

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*[Faint handwritten notes or signatures]*

*[Faint handwritten notes]*

P.S. I hope you were all satisfied about the  
some nice past.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to hand the enclosed to your brother-in-law, Mr. James Simpson, 98. Front St. Toronto. - As regards Billy Montgomerie, please say to him, if he has commenced pike fishing; that I must have his license fee (10) right away. - - -

If any others go fishing without first paying and not notifying me, I will have to come down and seize their gill nets, and fine them. - I see Charles Burness's death, this morning in the Mail. -

With my best respects, and warm regards to Mr. Gray, Willy and yourself

Believe me, Sir, Truly  
Yours, John W. Kerr J.O.  
24. Mar: 1879.  
Mr. P. Gray,  
The Island  
Toronto.

P.S. I sent all the particulars of Wards dissatisfaction to Ottawa. - Is the Bay and the Road, clear of ice; Have you been up to the Hunter yet, I hope you will have a good years successful fishing.  
Yours, J. W. Kerr  
J.O.

My dear Sir.

Will you be pleased to find your license for this season; and if you find any gill nets, set in the Rouge, between the Railway, and the Forks, above the Kingston Road, I hope you will take them up, and notify me. Anything you see wrong, in fishing matters notify me at once. -

I understand Joe Black is building a new seine to fish on the slip, and I heard he had gill nets, so look out for yourself and me; - and with kind regards to you and yours, believe me,

Wm Cowan Esq  
Pickering  
Port Huron

Yours Truly  
John W. Kerr  
J.O.

24. Mar, 1879.

Fishing nets

Keep Joe off you



Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant received, for which  
 then please and you have been kind enough to send this  
 year got to know in Lake Erie in front of Lake Erie, the office of  
 Hamilton, with my kind regards to you and respects to you,  
 and yours, William W. H. to

Alb. W. H. H.  
 Hamilton, Ont.

John W. H. H.  
 21. Queen's Hwy.

My dear Mr. H. H.

I have received an application from  
 Allen, for the position of assistant by James Lee H. H., last year,  
 in Lake Erie, at the time, and wishing to know if I can  
 send it to him.

Will you be pleased to tell him, that I will apply for  
 it in a letter or writing from him, fifteen dollars.  
 All licenses have to be paid on or before the 1st of Jan., as no  
 is any of my friends or permitted to do this is just and  
 will be a pleasure to you all, and believe me,

Yours Sincerely,  
 John W. H. H.

Alb. W. H. H.  
 P. S.  
 In my pocket.

P. S.  
 26. Jan. 1877.

I have written to Jack H. H., since I came home,  
 and have given him, one last chance, don't take any more  
 from him for me.

J. W. H. H.

My dear Mr. H. H.

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant received, for which  
 you be pleased to tell me back that I am willing, and I  
 will apply immediately and get a license to take  
 fish in Lake Erie, west of Point Abino, I do not think any one  
 will interfere with you, when you produce to him or them  
 your license for 1877, you will not see a 500 yards  
 long. I will come up as soon as possible, is there =  
 interest, and with my kind regards to you,

Alb. W. H. H.  
 P. S.

Yours truly,  
 John W. H. H.

25. Jan. 1877.  
 and \$1.05.

Express  
 Charges

"Private"

My dear Sir,

I was in Niagara, on Friday last, for the purpose of selecting a fit and proper place for the fish breeding hatchery, you and I, and Mr Mayor Pafford talked about it.

I now take the liberty of informing you, that I consider a portion of Old Fort George property is best adapted for the following reasons.

1<sup>st</sup>. It is Government, Ordnance land, and can be easily obtained on your application, and recommendation. --

2<sup>nd</sup>. There are two living springs of pure water there, these springs unite and enter the Niagara River, through a stone Culvert, just where the Old Ferry landing used to be, but which is now moved to the Custom House wharf. --

3<sup>rd</sup>. There is the Red, or Ferry Barrack, this property that could be obtained, and fitted into an excellent hatching house; and on the left hand side of the site, just inside the River, there is a low piece of Govt. land, which we would also require as a pond for young fish, and a reception place for parent fish when they first come in from the river to spawn. --

I presume the Minister of State, or Interior is the person to apply to, and you can obtain this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Ministers sanction, to buy, lease, or as a gift. I can have a survey and plan made of the portion of land required. -- And with my humble respects,

J. B. Plumb Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M. P. --

House of Commons. --  
Ottawa.

Y<sup>rs</sup> respectfully,  
John W. Kerr

26. Mar; 1874.

Memorandum - Sent to Mr W. G. Whitcher of Quebec April 1<sup>st</sup> for. that are not yet received by me. --

1<sup>st</sup> of Bluffton, 15. March, A. J. H. H. H. 17 March. --

2<sup>nd</sup> of Woodland, 17. March, E. H. H. H. 17. March. --

3<sup>rd</sup> of Wood and Red Gray 17 March - 2 each,

John Wadsworth, 20. March. --

4<sup>th</sup> of Gas Lighthouse in Wood 20 March.

5<sup>th</sup> of Gas Lighthouse in Wood 20 March.

J. W. Kerr  
P. O.

Si.  
I have the honor to receive the petition of the Son, Messrs. J. B. Stou. Judge Buchanan, and others, made at Montreal on the 1st of February 1849, referred to me by your report.

I have now the honor to report, and refer you to my former reports of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1848, and to the full and important report made to you by me of the transgressions of the Fisheries Act, committed by Joseph Black and others, dated 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1848. In doing this, I am sorry I have to differ in my opinion from so many respectable petitioners, gentlemen; one of whom is an ex-Minister of the Crown, one a County Judge, and five are Justices of the Peace, two of them the Magistrates, who tried the case, I preferred and proved against Joseph Black and others.

Joseph Black is not an illiterate or ignorant man, and the petitioners I presume know this; he had a copy of the Fisheries Act, in his possession, when he broke the law, and he showed by his defence at the trial, that he studied this Act, so that he could break this law; he is familiar with all the sections and sub sections therein set forth; He is only a part owner of the Seines petitioned for, as my report of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1848, will still inform you.

Personally, I have no objection to the Son, The Minister, restoring the seines and ropes to him, on condition of his giving a guarantee, that he will never fish them; I shall see that he does not!... and paying ten dollars to me, for removing the seines to a place of safety, and four dollars for storage.

As to any promises Joseph Black will make of observing the Fisheries Act, in the future; it will never amount to anything; as he has again, and again made similar promises to me, and always broke them.

I have no objection to your instructing me to submit his name again for a license to fish on White Hill Lake 250 sq. leagues, on the same ground, at Frenchman's Bay in St. Lawrence, for this current year; but there is \$5.00 of his last years license fee, which I will require to be paid first; and then \$10. for this year, in advance; and I will have to inspect his seine, before he begins to fish this year.

I must remark, any portion of the fine imposed on Joseph Black to be paid, because his son signed guilty; was let off by the Magistrates, as was considered Justice would be done by fining the father alone.

The fact is, I want to fish on White Hill Lake, and his Co. partners.

Had Judge Buchanan, The Hon. Messrs. J. B. Stou. and the Magistrates who signed the petition.



My dear Sir,

Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, just received, my send-  
ing you five dollars, & will apply for, and obtain for  
you a license to fish in Mackinac Bay, near Bolton's Bay,  
in Lake Huron instead of getting the license but for the same  
amount of money as before, & for the same term.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours truly,

John W. Kern, Esq.

Chas. W. Kern, Esq.

John W. Kern, Esq.

25 March 1879.

My dear Sir,

Yours received and I thank you for  
your promptness in response to the demand of license.

I will take your advice, and I will not come down  
until I receive your license which I applied for, on my  
— home next day, after you saw me on Toronto  
Island.

With my address to you in my place  
you see done in confirmation of the license act,  
before me.

John W. Kern

John W. Kern

Chas. W. Kern

John W. Kern

25 March 1879

(Handwritten signature)

Monday, 31. March 1879.

At the Mackinac and the sea searched for fish  
etc. expected to set therein by Chas. Kern, and  
found an anchor with small attached, the the  
friendless of the staff — I was stopped in the middle  
and I was let off, got on the sea again  
at 12 o'clock went out 3 p.m. came in at  
2, a.m. Muley about 10. My fare 2. cash. —  
I am 25 of Mackinac off 4.

Delivered Licenses to A. L. Hicks,

J. W. Kern  
F. O.

Joseph Black, and some of them do, as well as I do; but the  
 matter, being out of the question is not a matter of  
 record they apply to you in the petition, "I have seen the  
 who believed that he was fishing with legal nets" as if im-  
 plying too soon a conspiracy against Black, on my part  
 it is, that it is who acted in concert with me for the sake  
 of the cause, and I am sure...

Joseph Black, had John J. Parker, a delegate of  
 his own choice to provide at the annual meeting, and  
 the other delegate was a young man, who was a son of  
 (Black) and was a member of the cause.

The Hon.

The Ministers,

to the

Wm. H. V.

Wm. H. V.

Wm. H. V.

My dear Mr. Cross.

On the 11th instant I sent you 10 pounds  
 of I am to you for to make a present that what you  
 also about half a pound of sewing time, and I ad-  
 dressed it to you at Knoxville, and I hope it by express.  
 I paid charges thereon I have you got it and when may I  
 expect the kit, as I hope shortly to be able to have it.

Mr. Henry Cross,

Fisherman.

Port attached.

John W. H.

to the

27. March 1879.

My dear Sir,

31. March 1879.

I send your friend to you herewith, today,  
 and you can pay me as soon as you can make the  
 allowance... I am not yet quite sure, but my belief is, that  
 a few more will come to be, and in the  
 land in a few years, or Lexington, this year, caught in  
 the river waters... I intended to have given you this  
 license, much before last, and for it to do so, when  
 passing at Springfield - My kind regards to your  
 wife and family.

Yrs truly,

John W. H.

Wm.

Hickman,

Springfield.

(v. -)

29. March 1879.

In consequence of Salmon being so very numerous in the River Credit, during the spawning time, last fall; as per my official reports to you, on this head from time to time...

And as the River Credit, has been always noted heretofore for having spring Salmon therein, as well as Salmon in the fall...

I am convinced from the present pure, clear, clean state of the water in River Credit, that Salmon will be numerous therein this spring, and in the course of a few weeks from this time...

It has been reported to me, by Mr. James J. Wilcox, the Game Warden of the District, Mr. Thos. Harris of Streetsville, and others: - That great preparation is now being made, in getting up of traps, for the catching of beavers and muskrats, but ostensibly with the intention of catching Salmon, as well as other fish...

I have again the honor to recommend that <sup>no</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>no</sup> other person be permitted to fish this year, in the River Credit; except under a license from the Department; say, at the rate of \$3. for this spring season, for each dip net; and that each license have a clause in the license, making it imperative on each licensee to liberate any and every Salmon caught, under a penalty of One Hundred dollars, or what ever amount you may approve...

My annual Report dated, 14. January last, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec: 1878, regarding Gamers, & spring fishing in River Credit, for beavers, and muskrats, &c, and the appearance of Salmon therein, will I hope be a sufficient reason, and may be taken for making this a sufficient application...

I have &c.

John O'Brien

Game Warden.

Mailed to Mr. P. Gray - Two Licenses 30,

"

do,

do

for Mr. Ward - Two Licenses 30.

\$ 60.

april 1<sup>st</sup> 1879 - Hoping you will...



10.

4. April 1879.

I have the honor to report that on Thursday and Friday last, a schooner, owned by Mr. Henry Sheppard; - James, his son, and his nephew, James Sheppard; Constable, all of the schooner, of the name of "Niagara"; - the schooner was in the river, at Cooper's Landing, and was not allowed to land, as capturing American trespassing fishermen.

The facts of the case are as follows; At Lewiston, N. York State, there are 2 boats, fishing; and occasionally they take fish across the river in two boats, make a haul, catch fish, and take them (Canada) in this same hauling ground of Sheppard's, at Cooper's Landing, and then instantly back away, again; -

They hauled there on Thursday evening last, before I arrived on the ground; although we made direct for the place on the arrival of the train at Lewiston, to find they had been there, caught fish, and had gone back again to Lewiston, N. Y. -

On Friday night, they did not come on; we were there in the morning early to pounce on them; they are very wary, but I am satisfied I can by the aid of my Sheppard friends, at last succeed in capturing them; same as I have already done 2 years ago before.

I gave James Sheppard, a written authority, to arrest the (schooner) Sheppard, the license of this fishing ground, to seize the boat if at any time an opportunity presents itself; he is a Constable, of great power, and it is, whether I am present or not, if he has a chance. - It is a very difficult place to get to, without being observed by the trespassers, there being high steep banks, but once in the boat, their capture, if they come, is, I might say, is a cinch. - They, of course, threaten. - It is all done with a dash, and lightning charge on our part and about the time the haul is completed. - Please send me Sheppard's license for this year immediately. -

I Have &c.

J. H. H. -

&c.

Wm. H. H. -

H.

H.

H.

1st April 1879, Sent License to Francis  
and Mr. Charlotte Reid.

Wm. H. H. -

Port Charlotte, N. Y.

do. To William Woolard Asheville N. C.

do. " Messrs Longhurst and Co. Raleigh N. C.

do. " Sent Thos. Elliott for delivery

do. To Harry Sheppard, - & John Wadsworth,

31. March 1879. -

I have been, as you are already aware, by my reports to you, dated the 13, 16, and 29<sup>th</sup> of October 1877, and the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1877. -

and my reports of 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1878, and 6<sup>th</sup> of December 1878, - to endure a great deal of bad language, and domineering conduct, and my forbearance has been severely tested, I might say, strain by Mr John Bolton, a licensed fisherman, for the same hauling ground, in Lake Ontario, at the Two Mile Creek, in the Township of Niagara, in the matter of trespass, committed on the fishing beach, of the Niagara River, Town of Niagara; and held by Mr Thomas Elliot and boy, - under license, and by his late father before him, for I might say, a life time; the reports referred to, will give you particulars in full. - Not taking into account, the repeat attempts made by these Boltons and others to undermine and take away the fisheries from Mr Elliot and his family. - -

Notices have been served by Mr Elliot on John Bolton, and Charles Bolton, to remove those objectionable things from off Elliot's same hauling beach, to no effect. - -

I, myself, by advice to John Bolton, I may say by treaty, have endeavoured to have the present boat house and docks removed, but to no effect, as he paid no attention to my order, - as copies of my letters to Nelson, and the Notices herewith, will now I hope convince you. - -

As John Bolton, has not condescended to answer my letters, nor removed the Boat House, &c. complained of, it only now remains with me, under your sanction to notify him, that I will recommence that no same hauling fish license be granted to him, in L.O. at the Two Mile Creek, Township of Niagara, for this current season, nor no boat license, for to fish gill nets, in L. Ontario, Dominion Waters during this season, nor until such time, as he and his brother Charles Bolton comply with the instructions of the Fisheries department and as communicated to me, so repeatedly, by me, but to no effect. - -

Copies of my letters, to John Bolton dated 25, Feb'y and 24 March, are now submitted for your perusal, also copy of telegraph, the only written reply - that I have ever received, and which you will observe does not amount to anything. -

Please answer soon so that I may, at once apprise John Bolton, &c. of your decision. -

Yours sincerely,

J. G. F.

John Bolton





My dear Mr and Mrs Gray, —

and your license for the day, also Mr David Ward's 2 licenses, for the same year. The amount of license fees is so much, you can pay by a check.

I was at the Stumber last night, after we had gone home, and I remained until 12 o'clock, then came home.

Mr Charles Nurse, was complained of, by some sportsmen, for setting two gill nets across the mouth of the Stumber, fishing up himself, and also, as stable man, Johnson or Westler, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March last past. — And for fishing without a license and catching Frost fish, last Friday, when talking to you, while in his buggy, he had two fish and Frost fish in the buggy. I did not get any of his fish, last night, all the better for him! —

Will you be pleased to tell him, I must have two dollars, in case for him, for this year immediately; as Licenses must be paid; and he must not any more set nearer to the mouth of the Stumber than Mr John Trucks wharf. —

And he cannot set any more in the Stumber, nor in the Marsh ponds, — of the Stumber, as Mr A. L. Sticks, has got the Licenses of the Stumber altogether to himself. —

Mr Nurse, was also reported to me, for shooting ducks, on Sundays; please advise him as a friend to give up all such illegal practices; for the past I will not take any proceedings against him, but advise him to be careful in future. He can fish his thousands of yards of Herring, White fish, and Salmon Trout, and fish gill nets, and haul his seine to his hearts content, and have the Minnow and Hobbicoke, all to himself, only obey my orders. — and observe and obey the Sabbath law, and Fishing and Game laws in future. —

And with my kind and best regards, to you both, believe me, Very sincerely, P. S.

Hamilton, Onto.

1<sup>st</sup> April 1879. —

P. S. Have you got Jas Simpson's license, I sent you, I heard Bailey Ward, was amongst the fish and ducks in the River. See David Ward, I could only get (10<sup>th</sup>) struck off his boat license for this year. —

I wish you and Mr Ward, to read over carefully the written part of your respective licenses, and faithfully obey every thing contained therein, and avoid all law-suits.

Mr. P. Gray,  
St. Catharines,  
Onto.

Sir,

3. April 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft, No. 610, for Fifteen dollars. —

We are pleased to apply the amount for a lease of land, at the Town of Niagara, in the Township of Niagara, and County of Hamilton. The license I recommended to be made out in the name of Robert John Kerr, Town of Niagara; the lease will be 400 yards long.

The fishing ground is the same as that heretofore occupied by Mr. James Cantwell, of Niagara; and which has abandoned altogether last year, and refused to take out a license. —

The amount sent for this current year, is \$15.

Yours, Sir,

I have &c,

Robert Kerr

N.Y.

4. April 1879. —

\$75. a Note payable to L. D. Cawyer & Co., or order, at their Office - Hamilton on 15<sup>th</sup> December next, without interest.

100. a Note payable to L. D. Cawyer & Co., or order, at their Office - Hamilton, on 15, Dec. 1880. Interest at 7. per cent from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1879.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant, just received, has been forwarded to you, that I consider give due regard to the privilege of fishing as applied for by you; more especially as Complaint has been made as to catching and selling fish, without a license, which is a violation of the law.

Very respectfully,

Yours, Sir,

Robert Kerr

N.Y.

Hamilton,

10. April 1879.

By a letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1879, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1879, in relation to the fishing ground at the Town of Niagara, in the Township of Niagara, and County of Hamilton. The license I recommended to be made out in the name of Robert John Kerr, Town of Niagara; the lease will be 400 yards long. The amount sent for this current year, is \$15. Yours, Sir, I have &c, Robert Kerr N.Y.

Dear Sir,

5. April 1879.

I enclose the money to send you Bank draft No. 518, for the sum of eight dollars. -

Here you are pleased to apply this amount, as follows, for this current season, and send me the license, as soon as convenient.

To fish one seine each only; -

1. Freeman Overly, of Jordan, township of South; - For a seine having license for to fish, an 80 yard seine, in the twenty mile pond, on Wisconsin flats, south of the C. & N. Ry. for rough fish. So, up to the 10<sup>th</sup> June next, the amount is, - \$3.00

2. Asa Beards, of Sherburne, township of Sherburne, and County of Willard. For a license to fish one seine, 75 yards long, in Lake Erie, in front of lot 20, 9, in the first Concession of Sherburne, for this current year. 3.00

Total, \$6.00

I may here mention for your information, that Mr. Abraham H. Cobb, of Clinton, has already received a license for the current year of the 20 mile pond, and the flats referred to, above the N. Bridge. - But he has never hauled there, and has no objection to this license being issued to Overholt, as now applied for, seeing that he has leased Wisconsin flats including the flats. -

Hon: Minister

I Have Yc  
John W. Cobb  
P.O.

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1879.

At Winona, all regular, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. Miles 36. Ry fare 4<sup>00</sup> \$1.00. -

Postage Stamps 30<sup>00</sup>

Express Charges 1.00

do -

1.40

In 17. June 1879.



... I have been thinking of you very much lately, and  
wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are  
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7<sup>th</sup> April 1879. - Sent Robt John Allan

His License to fish for sea bass on 7<sup>th</sup> April  
ground near the pier

attached to the license for  
Freeman expholt

do Jordan  
License to sea bass on 7<sup>th</sup>  
of Shubert

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10. April 1879.

In reply to the petition of the Fishermen on B. beach, who have during a long and severe winter, with their families suffered and are still suffering privations and want, in consequence thereof, &c. - And who have petitioned that they have reason to believe their condition would be <sup>temporarily</sup> improved were they permitted to fish for Starling and Duckers with draw nets, in that part of B. bay, immediately inside of the Canal leading thereto, from said Lake and outside of the marshes, and spawning places therein. - And now referred to me by you to report upon. - -

I have the honor to report that under the circumstances set forth in the said petition, which I believe is correct, - I can see no good reason why! seine hauling be discontinued in B. bay, on the old established grounds therein. - -

I could have no possible objection whatever in reporting, and recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be at once granted for to fish there, under a license of \$5 each, say up to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June next.

And as there does appear to me, to be no reason for hair splitting in a case of this kind, I would also respectfully recommend that the catching of all kinds of rough fish, and Starling be permitted. - - -

It is absolutely necessary for to keep in tact, all the old established fishing stations, and the fishing reserve in B. bay, B. beach, if only to relieve the wants of our fishermen, in similar cases of this nature by permitting privileges of fishing for short periods, where as in this case necessity demands it, and so prevent the fishing reserve being applied for, for other purposes. - and with much respect

I have &c  
John W Kerr  
F. A.

Hon: Minister,  
F. A.

Tuesday, 8. April 1879.

On B. bay - all day, and night, catching bass, for which, Commissioner of Fisheries - searched the lower end of bay - found four pieces of gill nets - see my report of 14<sup>th</sup> instant, - p. 36. -  
Team 3.50 Boat dinner tea and breakfast for two C J Kerr - with me. -

I attending the net  
19. a storm. -  
11. Night out home team

My dear Sir,  
I have just been informed, that you lost your  
gill nets last night, and caught, during the night, fish, pickerel, and  
large white fish.

I wish to draw your attention to my notice dated 12, of February last,  
posted in Tom. Moore's Job House.

Of course I am not going to give you, but as every  
man in Niagara has paid for their license for the year, I  
except you, and Jack Boston, I except I would like  
you. But you are within 12 miles of my same hauling ground.  
Except, ground, goes up to the one, which has paid 15  
for you and John.

Hamilton, Ont.  
10. April 1879

Yours truly  
John W. Lewis  
N.Y.

Mr James Cartmell,  
Niagara.

John Breunau Esq<sup>r</sup> Dunbarton Onto

My dear Sir,

Yours is received, and in reply to your application for  
the fishery referred to; I have to inform you, that if you will  
send me ten dollars, the usual license fee; I will at once apply  
to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dept<sup>y</sup> Ottawa; and recommend that a license  
be at once granted to you; and so put a stop to all  
trouble in the future.

I may mention for your own information, that a  
petition, signed by the County Judge, John: Thos: H. Gibbs,  
his associates, and 50 others, was laid before  
the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dept<sup>y</sup> Ottawa, in Joe Black's name.

Please answer at once,

Yours sincerely  
John W. Lewis  
N.Y.

Hamilton Ont  
12 April 1879.

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Saturday, 12 April 1879.

We have all night searching for gill nets.  
J. H. Croy and C. J. Lewis, with me, searched and  
found only one piece of gill net set, see my  
report of 14 instant sent out at 5 p.m.

Came in at 5 a.m. on Sunday morning —  
Miles 30. H4 B — 150 —



7, April 1879.

With reference to my last report to you, of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, in relation to the removal of Boat House and Reels, off the Seine fishing beach (reserve) of the Niagara River, at the mouth of the river, placed there by John Bolton, and his sons, - contrary to the express wishes (my orders) of Messrs. Thos. Elliot and Coys, the present possessors, of said River. -

I have now the honor to submit for your further information a letter from John Bolton in answer to mine of 24<sup>th</sup> ult., a copy sent you, received only by me 5<sup>th</sup> April, and as this letter in its tone does not alter in any manner; the reports heretofore submitted to you, on this subject by me, I beg most respectfully to recommend that Messrs. John Bolton, and his brother Charles, be ordered by you to remove the Boat House, and Reels complained of, forthwith.

Messrs. Bolton as his letter implies left the matter with the Hon. the Minister, to decide finally upon. - - -

Messrs. Bolton says in his letter herewith; "My Reels &c. have been on said ground 10. years." - and they do not interfere with Thomas Elliot & Coys's fishing."

In reply to this, I have to report, this is not quite correct, as regards the number of years, but by an Act, passed a few years ago, by the Provincial Government, of Ontario, Toronto; setting forth that where a person is 10 years in possession of any property, and no demand being made for it, during this period of years, the person occupying the same, can claim it as his own property. If this is what Messrs. John Bolton, aims at, I must say this law however, would not apply, in this case, as the Beach, whereon the Boat House is, and the Reels are, is still Government property, under the control of the Fisheries Department. - So much in reply to Messrs. Bolton's 10. years assertion, and because they obstructed and interfered with, Thos. Elliot and Coys in their fishing business; in having fish gills and blugon heads, on the beach, and polluting the waters of the Niagara River, licensed by Mr. Thos. Elliot is the reason, why, he was determined to have the Boat House and Reels removed in the first place 18 months ago. -

Messrs. Bolton's letter continues; - "The late Captain Dick, leased from Government, some five acres of land, upon which the Queens Royal Hotel; was built, they fenced in the same, land, to the waters edge, and as you are aware my Boat House and Reels are on the said ground; Messrs. McFar and Minnet, are the Lessees, at present of the Hotel, and they have no objection to me having the said Boat House and Reels, on the said land. - - -

In reply to all this, I must give you a flat contradiction, and I have the honor to report, that the fishing beach, on which the boat house stands, is not a part of the land, but is a part of the river, and is under the jurisdiction of the late Capt. Decker & Co. - They are on the left hand beach, outside of the fence, and are between the waters of the Niagara River, and the picket fence, that at present encloses the five acres of land on the River side, on which the Quebec Hotel now stands. This is admitting by Mr. Molton, my former report, as true and correct.

The late Captain Decker, never claimed any land or territory on this beach, outside of this fence, and between it and the waters edge of the River. So to my certain knowledge, when Captain Decker, wished to place a boat house, bathing boxes, and a wharf temporary on this beach, for the accommodation of the Boarders who frequent this summer resort; "The Quebec Hotel" - he asked permission from Mr. Thomas Elliot, and obtained it, before he placed on the beach these things just referred to.

It is now a matter of no moment, whether Mr. Elliot and Mr. Whinnell, have, or have no objection to a boat house, on the place now occupied by the boat house and the hotel, enclosed within the picket fence. The boat house and the hotel are outside of the fence on the left hand beach, the river washing beach, and visible now like there after repeated appeals made to them for help. Could only say: "We have no objection to your using the shore" - There is no implied authority given, their Telegraph sent you by me, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, McGaw & Co., don't use the word land therein, as now stated by Mr. Molton in his letter, but they use the word shore, over which they have no control whatever; and this is the only thing authority just recently got hold of that Mr. John Molton, has to fall back upon. -

Mr. Molton, in his letter continues, I have also leased you the location of the Town of Niagara, the ferry, between Niagara and Youngstown, N. Y. - for which I pay, the sum of \$40. - per annum. The boat house is really necessary for me to keep my boats in, and I do think it would be very unjust to compel me to remove the same. -

In reply to all this special pleading I must report, that it has no bearing whatever on the River or the fishing beach, the question now at issue. - The ferry, of which Mr. Molton talks and on which he has charge is up the River, opposite Youngstown and there is ample room there for many boats, and boat houses, and there is a ferry house, already provided



then by the Corporation of Niagara; and I presume, is the fit, and proper place, for Mr John Bolton as Ferryman to keep his boats. - -

However, I may report, that at present, Mr John Bolton, keeps his ferry, and Ferry house, at the Niagara Customs dock, instead of at the regular place set apart, and which is about for a mile west of Youngstown, than this Boat House and docks are. - -

Mr Bolton, in his letter still continues: as I do not in any way, interfere, with the fishing ground, as a hauling ground, and it does seem to me, strange, that I am the only person singled out, for, as you are aware, I am not the only person who has Boat Houses on said premises. - -

In reply to all this, I have again to report, and I must contradict Mr Bolton's assertion, by stating that this New Boat House, put up by him, during the past winter, he was warned not to build there, and the Boat House, &c, are still on the ground, licensed as a hauling ground, set apart for fishing purposes; as to Mr Bolton being singled out, there is nothing of the kind, and less in the expression. -

As to Mr Bolton being singled out, there is nothing of the kind, and less in the expression. - -

The term unjust, used by Mr John Bolton, is in no way applicable: - as all those to the contrary, every one concerned have acted in this case with much forbearance towards Mr John Bolton. -

As regards the other persons referred to having boats Houses, on the said premises, I will take the liberty of reporting that a few years ago, the House and premises, at present owned and occupied by Mr. Thos. Elliot, was owned by the Bank of Upper Canada, Mr Elliot being then Lessee, but he has since purchased and paid for it, the Boat House and docks referred to now by Mr Bolton, being on the premises at that time, are still permitted to remain there by Mr Elliot. I can assure you in the same hauling fishing ground, but on Mr Elliot's Mr James Cantwell, and Mr James Rankin's private property. -

Therefore you will observe, Mr Bolton has nothing to complain of in that respect. -

Mr Bolton in his letter concludes by saying: I am prepared to let the matter be decided by the Hon. the Ministers of Marine and Fisheries, and I think I can show



that I am not in any way interfering with the rights of a fisher and others. - If I am I shall cheerfully comply with the orders of the Government and remove the same. -

In respect to this admission I strongly recommend that the Hon. the Minister will be pleased to order Mr. John Bolton to remove the Boat House, and heels immediately, and that until he complies with your orders, he shall not obtain a license to fish. -

In conclusion, I have to apologize; I send the Bolton letter for your perusal. -

And with due respect,

Hon. the Minister  
H. H. H.

Wm. Kerr  
Johnston  
D.O.

30, April 1879.

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend that the point station at the Four Mile Creek, in Lake Ontario, township of Niagara, occupied recently by Mr. Abraham H. Goble, be removed. I this season to Mr. James Cantwell, of Niagara at fifteen dollars, for this season for the purpose of fishing there the white fish, being as good as long. -

The description to be the same as that given in Goble's last license. -

I have to report that James Cantwell got dissatisfied and discontented last year and gave up his own ground which was licensed to Robert John Allen of Niagara this year. -

I have just returned from Niagara fisheries, and although I had some apprehensions everything was not going on right there; still, I am happy to report now that I found everything, so far, is being legally carried on, the white fish are in great abundance, and the prospect is at present that the fishermen will have a good and plentiful take there, this season. -

I desire also to report that the fish are of an excellent sample, most even like in size and symmetry, that I have been caught by the fishermen of Niagara, for some years past, and all seem lucky in catching their just share of them. -

I feel much pleasure in being in a position to report this favorable change for the better, for your information. - I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
Wm. Kerr

Hon. Minister  
H. H. H.

Wm. Kerr  
D.O.

10. May 1879.

I have the honor to report, that I have with send you, Bank draft No: 26. - for the sum of Ten dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current year. -

1. Mr. G. L. Little - The Stumber, - township of Etobicoke, -  
For boat licenses to fish 1400 yards of White fish and Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Etobicoke including 400. yards fish gill nets to be fished in the Stumber, and Stumber Marshes, the latter to expire on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1879. - already received, and delivered. -  
Amount is - \$5.00.

2. - Charles Kura, The Stumber, in the township of Etobicoke; For a boat license to fish 1500 yards of White fish, and Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Etobicoke. -  
Also a small line 120 yards long, for suckers, and gullets, in Lake Ontario, between Drake's wharf and the Mission, during season of 1879. - amount is 5.00  
Please send me license for Total \$10.00  
Charles Kura. -

I Have to,

Hon: Minister,  
H. H. H.John W. Kerr  
H. O.

My dear Sir,

Will you be so good as to get Mr David Wards, of 30, and Mr Wm. Hollands of 10, from Mr. Doyle, and send it to me. -

and with my kind regards to Mrs Gray, Wilkey, and yourself,

Yr. sincere  
John W. Kerr. H. O.  
12. May 1879

Mr. W. Gray  
Lake Ontario  
do. or to

Amount 25.00 paper 25.00

The sum of these is \$4.00.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:

1. J. Lewis H. Belpay, of Grantham: For a boat license to fish 500 yards of sturgeon, for the season of 1899, containing 20 sturgeon, plus also the privilege of fishing a 50 yard boat at the mouth of the Ten Mile Creek, for suckers bay, up to 24th May, 1899. 5.00.
  2. Thomas Mansfield of Frenchmans Bay, for the same as last year, amount, 2.00.
  3. Barney Roubel, East Grantham, for spearing license up to 20. April, delivered. 1.00.
  4. R. J. Hawkins - Hamilton, do, do, 1.00.
- Total \$9.00.

Hon: Minister,

Q. Q. Q.

Sir,

I have the

John W. Kerr

D.O.

14. April 1899.

I have the honor to report, that on Tuesday night, the 7th inst. I searched for, and found about 350 yards of pike gill nets set in the lower east end of B. bay, Lottidges pond, and Big Creek; I found this quantity of gill net, divided into four parts, set in different localities.

And in these nets, I found five pike and four suckers.

I have also to report, that on last Saturday night, I found 30 yards of pike gill net, set in a small Cove, lower end of the Bay, it had 3 pike, and a speckled bass therein.

I have to report that I have Confiscated these gill nets; I may also report for your information, that pike are very numerous in the Bay, and Dindas Marsh, this spring.

I do not think there are as yet, any more gill nets set in B. bay; The ice is fast disappearing. I was obliged to make a long point, punt, so as, to enable me to search, nooks, coves and crannies of the Bay, and Big Creek, or I do not think, I would have been so successful. After a little, I may find some gill nets in the water, when the ice disappears.

Hon: Minister,

Q. Q. Q.

I have the

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Friday, 15. April 1899.

at Jordan - to search for a dam between A. road and Freeman Brook, in the morning. I went out at 7.30 and returned at 1.30. I found all the 55. I found the dam between the two roads.



1. In the first case,

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Pat. Gray and Cass were hauling on

Friday 18. April 1879.  
On the 16. and 20. Mile Creek. - Found all right,  
Got 34 Bass from Nick Gilbert, and arranged to  
get more from A. H. Webb, went out at 8,  
A. M. came in at 7. P. M. Miles 72. By fare  
1.50. 14.4 10<sup>00</sup> 1.50. Dinner 35¢.

Write J. Elliot 19. inst. no receipt

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and have been  
 thinking of replying to you long since. I have been very busy  
 with my work, and have not had time to do so.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will  
 soon be able to return to your work. I am sure you will be  
 able to do so. I am sure you will be able to do so.

I am sure you will be able to do so. I am sure you will be  
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John M. Allen,  
 Dickerman,  
 Buffalo.

John M. Allen

11 April 1877

P.S. I telegraphed the Hon. Mr. Allen's decision  
 the moment I received it. I am sure you will be able to  
 to obey his orders, please let me know.

If on the contrary, let me know. I am sure you will be  
 able to do so. I am sure you will be able to do so. I am sure  
 you will be able to do so. I am sure you will be able to do so.

John M. Allen,  
 Dickerman,

Buffalo.

11 April 1877.

Yours received, with \$45, unless you  
 remove West House, and back off the Fish-  
 ery Reserve at Niagara at once; also fishing license what's  
 not will be left to you, and you cannot get any more  
 until you do so, I wish with you.

John M. Allen

T. P. Allen

License of the Range.

My dear Sir,

As it is of importance for to preservation of suckers and mullets, in our waters, that some protection be given to these fish in the rivers and creeks, during the spawning seasons, it is apprehended that the granting of licenses to kill them in the Credit or other streams frequented by Salmon will only encourage the destruction of spawning fish, and will eventually exterminate them in the Lake. --

Suckers and mullets are highly esteemed by certain classes of the community, and as they can be obtained at much cheaper prices than almost any other kinds of fish, it is evident that they are entitled to some protection. --

When caught in the Lake, they are by no means an unpalatable food, but when taken as they usually are in the rivers and creeks being gravelled, they are almost useless for the Lake. --

You must therefore in future, as Licenses of the Range, as far as Massville Mills stop all trawling, wading, and net fishing of all description, and the spearing or shooting of (pike) suckers, mullets, pike, &c. -- in the waters of the Range, and the marshes thereof, that has of late years been carried on there to such excesses, as no licenses or permits for such fishing will be given, or granted any more, as the privilege has been abused. --

It is besides stated that most of the persons who engage in this fishing are not farmers, but individuals who prefer lounging about a stream in preference to performing legitimate work, and ready at a moment's notice for spearing and wading. --

As the foregoing contains, and is given to me as the Candid opinion and belief of the Hon. the Minister, Ottawa; it is his duty to enforce his Orders, and this section of the Act. --

Now those people who have been heretofore engaged at sucker and mullet fishing &c. that they stop forthwith. If they will persist in doing so, you must take down their names, residences, with dates of offence, &c. and report to me at once. --

Hamilton Ont.

19. April 1871

Yrs. John A. Ross  
F.S.

P.S. He does not interfere in any manner with your own fishing.





Dear Sir,

21. April 1899.

With reference to that part of your letter of the 17th instant, where you mention in connection with your ~~letter~~ attention to the statement in your letter, that Mr Bolton left fish and offals in the sea, and also polluted the water?

"Why did you not proceed against him, under the fishing laws?"

"This can be done at any time within two years, of the time of committing such offence?"

With reference to it.

I have the honor to report, that I have so already, at the time the offence was committed, when Mr Bolton was paid for the fish, which he paid.

Mrs Elliot, and Mr Elliot were witnesses against him. - Mrs Elliot's evidence proved the case, conclusively against Mr Bolton - and hence why Bolton has ever since that time, been so overbearing, and dominating; and which by your decision of the 17th instant, I do hope a final stop will be put to his extraordinary conduct.

I communicated your decision to him by telegraph, and also wrote him.

Yours faithfully,  
John W. L. L.

Telegraph 38 cts  
do 25 cts

Monday, 21. April 1899.

at Jordan, accompanied by Mr. May; Reg. got 60 fish B. bass - all speckled, and 2 large bass from Ab. 14. Robb, Licensee 2, with pond. - At Wagon by 2, Reg. fare 3.00  
Freight on fish to Toronto 2.00, dinner 25, child about 40. - Lin paid 20 cts, Rubber pipe 1.50  
Small boy 20 cts, put back 25 cts, and small bank 50 cts, in transit 7 cts

Postage 25 cts

5.25

of the Canada Gazette, dated, Ottawa, Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1875, and therein you will find the Regulation in Council, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1875, still in force, by which you will learn that the close season for pickeral in Ontario, is between the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, and the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, in each year.

By Section 19, of the Fisheries Act, page 13. The Council, Law make regulations, &c. &c. &c.

And Sub Section 2. of Section 19, is the authority, which you produce the Canada Gazette. —

Under Section 16, the fine is imposed. I don't see any obstacle in the way; as the Law is very clear for this Monr.

Will you be pleased to find out, and let me know who this man is, you are prosecuting, and the name of the man, from whom he got the pickeral, with kind regards,

21, April 1879.

Y<sup>rs</sup> sincere  
Schubert

please read Section 10, and also Section 11<sup>th</sup>

also,  
Section 2, of Section 16,

and  
Sub Section 2, of Section 16.

Best Sir

Mr. Gregory complains to me — "There is a gill net now stretched across the entire width of the Canal at Port Dalhousie, contrary to the Law as I read it, said to belong to Peter Nath of that place. —

The net is nearly opposite his House within the piers."

Now if you will attend to it, I will see you are not  
served. — Mr. Gregory,

I have it does appear to me most extraordinary that you cannot be a fisherman, except you continually break the Law. Take the gill net away forthwith, and do not do this again or I will be obliged to submit your name to the Monr. The Minister, and have your name struck off the list of fishermen. I cannot say whether Mr. Gregory wishes that I should prosecute or not. If it is, why I shall most certainly do it. Y<sup>rs</sup> sincere  
Schubert

Mr. Peter Nath,

Port Dalhousie,

22, April 1879



Sent close season Notices away this 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1879. -

1. Thos. Harris. Streetsville. -
2. Thos. Mansfield. Y. Maus bay.
3. Wm. Woodard. Leslie. -
4. Jas. Cartwell. Niagara.
5. John Bolton. do. -
6. David Ward. Toronto. -
7. R. Gray. do.
8. J. & Mrs Charlotte Reid. P<sup>r</sup> Credit.
9. L. H. Belprey. Grantham
10. Peter Bath. Ch. Balhousie.
11. John W. Ramsey. Westie P.O.
12. Harry Sheppard. Innes.
13. Mat. Christian. Gr. Erie.
14. Thos. Elliot. Niagara
15. Ab. H. Cobb. Jordan Stn.
16. Pat Hall. Winona.
17. O. L. Hicks. Elmira P.O.

Immediate

My dear Sir,

My notice sent you today. You will find close season for bass from 15 of April to 15 of May; so that you must not catch any more of them. -

Whatever you may have in the boxes liberate them alive at once, and please tell Gilbert, Lyson and Overholt to do the same. -

If they want any more at Ottawa they can be caught another time.

Yours truly  
J. H. Cobb

John H. Cobb & Co.  
23. April 1879.

Telegraphs 50 f.

paper 25.

My dear Sir

24. April 1879,

Your letter received. I am young Verdict to mind his own business in the Bank; and you pay no attention whatever to what he says; and if he interferes with you anymore, I will lay his conduct before his father. - You are fishing under the privilege of a license from the Fisheries Dept. under my immediate supervision, and he has nothing to say about it. I father won't interfere in the matter, so fish away, and catch all the fish you can.

Yr. obedt. Servt.  
John Broadfoot  
Whitby.

Yr. obedt. Servt.

John Broadfoot  
Whitby.

My dear Sir

24 April 1879,

I have the honor to report that on Thursday I gave to the possession of Mr. Alexander Fish and his Hamilton, B.C., young white fish which he told me he had just brought from Remy's Island - a fisherman in N. B. -

With Alexander whom I brought before James Cable Esq. M.P. who is at the City of Hamilton was given an allowance of two dollars and eighty five cents, and the fish were compensated and given to the poor. -

Re: Golds and John Lauffe, who illegally caught that white fish in a Herring gill net, and without a license. For fishing gill nets in S. Ontario, was paid each two dollars, and four dollars each each, - On yesterday morning I gave nineteen more young white fish enclosed in Golds Sea Stomach. W. B. B. part of the fish caught on Wednesday last. -

As I am to in a certain place in S. Ontario where a number of fish - and in the same place, in the two wharves are good after a severe winter, I would most respectfully have submitted their names to you to have their names struck off the list of licensed fishermen for 1879. - I have given them a notice to leave them in consequence of their offending any more.

I thank you

John Broadfoot Esq.

My dear Sir,

Your telegraph came duly to hand, and I answered it, I have since learned from Niagara, that you have removed two reels off the reserve, but that two reels yet remain thereon and the end of the Boat House, up against the Queens Royal Hotel fence. -

Please take away every thing at once, and then I will send down your money and name, and recommend you to issue; and which I cannot do, so long as any part of the things complained of still remain on the Reserve. -

Do this immediately, and fulfil forthwith, what you voluntarily promised the Hon. the Ministers; you would do in your letter, You and I have a good many pleasant years to live in connection with the Niagara question, and so to accomplish that end we must endeavour to continue on terms of friendship.

Yours faithfully

John W. Kerr  
Esq.

26 April 1879.

Friday, 25. April 1878. -

On B. beach! several burrows on Ken: Yoles, and John Laape, for having young white fish in their possession - they were tried before James in his capacity of J. M. and found, see my report of 26<sup>th</sup> inst. to the Hon. the Ministers, went out at 3. a. m. came in at 7.30. a. m., Miles 24, 44 R. 1.50. C. J. Kerr, with me; - C. J. Kerr, attended Court. from the jail to the house. All well. 15 ft. 10 in. water.

Friday, 25, April 1879.

Went on B. Bay, Chas J. Kerr, with me, We searched for pike gill-nets, did not find any, went out at 4.50. p. m., came in at 12. M. M. Miles 24. 44 B - 1.50. Back.





Monday, 28, April 1879, -  
 at Toronto, and Hamilton, thence home, went out at  
 6. a. m. came in at 5.30. p. m. Miles 44,  
 Breakfast 25, dinner 10. -

Hamilton,

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of to-day,  
 complaining that Charles Percell, of Toronto, had commenced  
 to build a house on your fishing station, at the south east  
 bend, Toronto Bay, and Lake Ontario. -

I may here inform you, that I was at the place  
 referred to, on yesterday, and I saw the preparation, that it  
 is being made to erect a shanty there, for the accommodation  
 of shooters. -

Now then, what you will require to do is, give  
 Mr Percell notice to remove the lumber forthwith off  
 the Fishing Wharves, and if he does not do so, you  
 will have to commence legal action - I suppose, and  
 Mr Patrick Gray, and Mr. W. A. who have a license  
 for the same fishing ground, and who fish there,  
 must assist you, in obtaining this license and res-  
 pect your rights in him on receipt of this letter. -

So please send me the result of your  
 interview immediately,

Yours faithfully,  
 Mr James Simpson  
 No. 92, Front St.  
 Toronto.

Yours faithfully,  
 John W. Kerr  
 D. O.  
 28, April 1879,

Tuesday, 29, April 1879, #2

At 5<sup>h</sup> Bathurst, examined the Market, and found  
 that the White fish, reported to me by Mr. Hawkins, as  
 Young White fish, were not so, but nice good Mar-  
 ketable fish, of a pretty even sample; There were  
 seven Wagon loads in, and the fish were all the  
 same; Thence to Niagara, examined the fish caught,  
 they were a pretty sample; Jack Bolton was fish-  
 ing, he made a haul - I was present, he caught about  
 100 fish, Herring and White fish, and a pike. - I told him  
 he might fish on, and I had applied for his license,  
 went out at 1. a. m. came in at 11. a. m. Miles 50,  
 By fare #2. 54 1/2 #1. Breakfast 40, dinner, tea  
 and bed 45 + -

Sir,

26. April 1879.

I have the honor to report that about every day during the past week, there appeared below the main level of the river, a lot of fish.

I would thank you to get some of these fish, and give them to the people in the river, and also to the fishers, and the others.

I am sure such a notice coming from the Government will be highly beneficial to the fishermen, and have a good and beneficial effect on the river.

I, and the residents, are actually engaged, preventing any fishing people, not to fish in the river, for the fish are with nets of my kind, but I got a permit to post up, as much needed.

I would thank you most sincerely for a copy of the Gazette, published the close seasons, for the fish and salmon, etc. as I may require to use it in evidence very shortly.

Yours faithfully,

J. Macdonald

Ed. W. Macdonald

57.4

Sir,

27. April 1879.

I have the honor to report that the fish, which were taken down the river, were the same as last year; and the fish, which were taken in the river, were the same as last year. I would thank you to get some of these fish, and give them to the people in the river, and also to the fishers, and the others. I am sure such a notice coming from the Government will be highly beneficial to the fishermen, and have a good and beneficial effect on the river. I, and the residents, are actually engaged, preventing any fishing people, not to fish in the river, for the fish are with nets of my kind, but I got a permit to post up, as much needed.

J. Macdonald

Ed. W. Macdonald

57.4

Wednesday, 30. April 1879.

At Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton, we went out at 7. A.M. and in at 5.30. P.M. \$4.00 \$2.00. Breakfast and dinner 60¢. \$1.00 \$4.00.



26. Apr. 1877.

I have the honor to report what on Lake Ontario, east,  
of the new cable line, No. 11 - Hamilton Eastern Telephone,  
and also some other, are boats, for fishing for catching, and killing  
and young white fish with a hook and line, without a house  
in Lake Ontario, on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of April instant, in section  
of the fishery, No. 11 - as follows. -

I am greatly perplexed, as to the best means, & time, to pursue respecting the immense quantities of young white fish, this year, in Lake Ontario. Am the strict mode to be established by me. For their protection. - -

To night, I leave here, by 2 o'clock train, for St Catherine's, where I expect to meet Benjamin Hallam, in the market, selling small round white fish, which I intend to seize and confiscate; and follow up, by imposing fines upon every person engaged in catching and selling them; and if this will not stop it, I must - the next time they offend, submit their names, and recommend that they be struck off the list of licensed fishermen.

21. 11. 1919

St. Louis, Mo.  
Jan. 1, 1892.

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1<sup>st</sup> May 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for  
 be a dozen more of the Glass Season & Stone, of the  
 2<sup>nd</sup> of April East, for the back settling of my di-  
 vision. And also please send me two packages  
 of Paper, and one package of small official  
 envelopes, and you will greatly oblige me.

1. How

John H. Kern  
D.D.

Sir,

2, May, 1879.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 1st inst. and to answer it. Is there any necessity for you or Warden's interfering with catching suckers and mullets in Creeks, the same as allowed in B. Bay. if other fish are not caught, such as lamp fish - beds at close time, explain? -

In reply, I have the honor to report, that in my Report for 1878, I drew your attention to persons fishing for Mulletts and Suckers in the Salmon Rivers and Creeks, "with the sanction of the department," and its injurious effects on the Salmon fry, and the fishermen, in the sales made of these fish. -

In the 29. day of March last, I addressed to you a letter on this subject again, recommending what I still believe is my duty in this sucker and Mullett fishing business, as regards the Salmon Creeks in my division. -

I now respectfully refer you to that letter. - - -

I subsequently received your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of April last, on the preservation of suckers and mullets, and this letter, I promulgated to the Wardens, and others, and I am aware that they have been acting on these instructions, and I have done so myself. - - -

It is a very unseemly thing, for to see men in Salmon Creeks, about the time young Salmon are hatching out, splashing about with poles <sup>& nets</sup>, and about the Salmon beds, the rapids, and deep holes in Salmon Creeks, without some restriction being in force to stop all such reckless proceedings particularly so, when it afterwards comes to light, large Salmon as well as suckers, &c. are caught on such occasions. -

Catching suckers in the Creeks is quite a different matter, when compared with fishing for them in B. Bay, and Lake Ontario where Salmon and Salmon fry, are not interfered with. - - -

My report of the 28. of April last will have shown you that Spring Salmon, had, as I anticipated they would, made their appearance in the Credit River, at Streetsville. - - -

Your public Notice, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April last, distinctly states: "Net or seine fishing without License is prohibited?" -

And altho suckers and mullets are not named in the Fisheries Act, I was very much pleased on the receipt of your letter of 16. April. which pointed out to me that those fish at certain seasons were valuable fish, and good food, and in spring time sell very well, and prove at that time a great boon to the license fishermen.

I am aware that if my recommendation in my report for year ending 31. Dec: 1878. and of my report of 27.03. March last, were adopted by you, and that persons were only permitted to fish for, and catch suckers and mullets, under the legal restrictions of the law, and my personal advice, &c. it would give general satisfaction.

I am convinced farmers do not (always) catch them at all times for their value, but merely for a good spot, which is rather an expensive business, where Salmon, and Salmon fry are to be found, for instance in Leadit Burn, 12. and 16 Mile Creeks, Hiland Cr. the Kanga, Buffing Creek, and Lyons Creek. — There is a class of people who catch suckers, &c. and every kind of fish, and who sell them, and these people may be properly styled lawyers.

And with due respect,

W. D. Whitaker

I have &c.

Commissioner of

Schullter

D.O.

Sunday, 4. May 1879. —

At S. Bridge, Quenston, Glasgow, The Govt. and two mile boats, — warned John Robertson and crew, James Lambell and crew, not to fish until 6 o'clock, a.m. — as per clause in order of 23. April 1879 — (Govt. John Robertson, and crew being having at 4. to 1 o'clock, a.m., on Monday morning took the seine boat, and fish into my possession, subject to 10.00. Rents, &c. — went out at 10.30. a.m. — at 5. a.m. — Miles 68. By (Govt. 13. — dinner, tea, and bed 15. — more in Nov. 1878, — went down the river made to John Wadsworth's Machine. and over-reached myself, but am through, and am, I hope, satisfied.



My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter, complaining of Mr Samuel Barton, and others, for selling you, and others, speckled trout under the name of Speckled Trout, in violation of the Fishery Act, 1865.

Will you be pleased to supply me with the names of all the persons offending the date on which the offence was committed, and the names of the persons who can prove to the contrary, and I will immediately come to Milton, and arrange with you, prosecute the same, and give them the due allowance.

Yours faithfully,  
J. W. Lero  
J. W. Lero  
3, May 1879.

Yours faithfully,  
J. W. Lero  
J. W. Lero  
3, May 1879.

Sir,

6. May 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a copy of the Lease issued to the late Captain Beck and his wife, for a piece of land on which the Queens Royal Hotel has been erected in the town of Niagara.

As I may require this lease in connection with the Fishery Act, and the Fishery License, it may be expedient, that I should have a copy of this lease in my possession.

I believe the late Captain Beck, in connection with the Fishery Act, granted the lease, in order to, to Captain Beck, the Queens Royal Hotel, in order to, to Captain Beck, the Queens Royal Hotel.

Yours faithfully,  
J. W. Lero  
J. W. Lero  
3, May 1879.

With  
respect,  
J. W. Lero  
J. W. Lero  
3, May 1879.

6. May 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that by your Order, dated 10. of April 1877, you were pleased to grant the petition of the Niagara fishermen, giving them the privilege of using white fish seines of 3" mesh meshes, in the Centre. -

The fishermen at Niagara, have been thus far, this season, fishing 3" mesh seines Centre, with much success, and are catching large quantities of marketable white fish daily, catching so many, that prices are low per hundred fish. -

I have been thinking of the matter in my mind, and so as to prevent excessive fishing, I have now come to the conclusion that I will order the fishermen at Niagara, to put in their four inch Centres, by next Monday, when only the larger white fish will be then caught. -

Few in number, but larger in size will still bring better prices, and be more profitable to the fishermen in the end. -

I submit this matter just for your approval. -  
The Hon: I have &c.

The Minister.

John W. Kerr

H. H. H. -

O. A.

Monday, 5. May 1879.

At Niagara, and the Fishing Stations, found that the white fish were numerous, and the take good. Jack Bolton, removed all his stuff of Elliotts Reserve, and I sent Telegraph, as below to Mr. Whitaker - Miles 8, Breakfast dinner, tea and bed \$1. - -

Tuesday 6. May 1879. -

At Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton, went out at 7.30, a.m., came in at 4.50. p.m. Miles 46. - Breakfast and dinner 75¢. 50. -

Thursday, 8. May 1879. -

At Port Credit, The Hunter, and Toronto Island, saw Mr. Murray, about Mr. W. F. Whitaker's letter - got Charles Nurse - license fee from Mr. Gray - see all particulars - in my report. Miles 48. Pay fare \$1.20. Breakfast, dinner tea, and bed \$1. Boat \$1. -







See

2. 1879. —

I have the honor to inform you for information that on the 1st day of last week I visited Toronto Island, and John's Bay. John's Bay is the best place for posts driven in the beach, and the Chain House is a small building at that place, in fact for building a small boat of 10 tons on the Chain House. It is at John's Bay that the house of Mr. W. Ward. Gray and James Campbell Toronto, as Licensed Fishermen.

On Monday morning last, I saw the James W  
son who made to me then, a verbal complaint against the  
his Research of the to go <sup>the</sup> expressing the committed in  
him, by building on the "insure". -- I directed the W  
to put his complaint, which he has done, in writing, and  
which you will please find now attached. H. P. --

The reply to this, sent to Mr Simpson explaining him to me  
the Chinese Government and to tell him, he must not think there  
are the fishes, etc., I now also attach a copy of  
No. 2, stating "The all, refuses to allow a material net as  
brought there for fishing purposes. -- He has got leave  
from the Harbour Master, and other Port officials, to go to  
fish on the fishing reserve. ---"

I may refer to you, that the House proposes to send  
is for the accommodation of persons who go there, for check-  
ing, and I hope you will be pleased to write the Municipal,  
and Harbour Authorities of Toronto, and have this trespass  
to be removed, at once, immediately.

I may also report, in connection with this matter, that while there on last Sunday, I found Mr. Gorman, a City of Toronto, official, there, with another young man, stopping at the bend, in another small shanty, which is on the Fishery Reserve; Mr. Gorman, said he was on leave, and was stopping there for shooting purposes: Having guns 13, and shooting traps 12, there. --

The place is a regular rendezvous for illegal assemblies of shooters, on the Sabbath day, and it must be put a final stop to.

In connection with this Shanty, in which I found  
the Foreman, I beg to report, that I had also, about a week  
since, a dogged old Fox to, joined last year, for shooting  
plover, on a Sunday, while stopping in the Shanty, where  
I found Foreman, on last Tuesday.

And I further beg to report, that in the afternoon of last Sunday, when at the west point of Cowes Island - I heard the report of two shots fired in Ashbridge Bay. —

And I do hope that you will see the great necessity there is, of having those shooting shanties, not fishermen, - immediately removed, and which now appears, to be there, with the permission of certain City of Toronto officials.

It is most disgraceful to hear guns going off on every Sunday there, not taking into account, the trespass committed on the fishing reserve. -

I may further add, that when I got there, on last Sunday, afternoon, Mr Foreman, and his Chum, were after dining on wild duck. -

And when spoken to, about the shooting, he told me, I could examine the feathers. -

And two other sporting characters put in their appearance in a skiff when I was leaving. -

I have &c

Wm. W. Kerr

D.O.

Tuesday, 13. May 1879. -

at Niagara, the 2. and 4 mile Creek fishing went out at 4. a.m. came in at 10.30. p.m. Miles 15, Boat 1. - breakfast dinner tea and bed 1. -

posted up 2 Notices of 2. April 1879, Ottawa. -

Wednesday 14. May 1879.

at Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton, at the four mile Creek fishing, all night, went out 5.30. a.m. came in at 2. p.m. Miles 50, Breakfast and dinner 75¢ 144 W<sup>m</sup> 50¢, close season from 6 o'clock on Saturday to 6 o'clock following Monday morning, added in said

Friday 16. May 1879.

On B. beach, to see the fishermen, &c, see my letter of 17<sup>th</sup> instant, to the Hon. the Minister, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - saw W<sup>m</sup> Halper, and ordered him to remove lumber he put on the B. Beach fishing station also 1 - for to build a Boat House, - went to his boat House in Town - H. & B. 2, dinner for two 50¢ P. 9. Hours miles 30.



Sir,

24. April 1877,

I have the honor, to report that on yesterday at the Town of Ingersoll, County of Oxford, before A. M. Robertson Esq<sup>r</sup>, Police Magistrate; Mr. W. P. James, Fruit dealer, there was fined one dollar, and costs, for having pickled in his possession at Ingersoll, on the 19<sup>th</sup> April, Close season, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. —

I have to report in connection with this case, that a barrel of pickled was received per Express from the fishermen; — Cashmere, River Thames, Bothwell Ry Station; by Mr James, on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, and these are the fish, the subject of this report. —

Mr James, reported the arrival of the fish to the Police Magistrate, who told James, he could not do so, James put them in the public place, on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, where Mr A. A. Woodcock, Stationer of Ingersoll, and the Chief Constable of Police, acting on my order, and the law, seized the fish, and confiscated them and gave them to the press, — and reported to me; I sent up the case in Council to the Magistrate, hence with the above result. —

The P. Magistrate on reading the Regulation in Council, had no hesitation in imposing a fine, I attended the trial. —

In cases of this kind, the fishermen make a bargain with the dealers, thus! "You take the fish, run the risk, and give me, whatever you like for them." —

Now my plan is to put down all such unlawful reckless cases, and I know you will aid and assist me. —

I have also to report that on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, at the Town of Ingersoll, two loads of fish, including pickled, were paddled there, brought from Tilsonburg, caught, as is supposed at Turkey Point, in Lake Erie. —

I hope you will be pleased to address letters, to the Local Officers, of Turkey Point, and Cashmere, about these Contraventions of the Fisheries Act, and so prevent a similar offence happening. —

Yours faithfully,

Wm. P. James

Fruit Dealer

Ingersoll

10. May 1879.

I have the honor to receive your communication of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

In reply I have the honor to report that Mr. G. L. Sticks of the "Humber River" has a license for 400 yards in of pike gill nets, in the Humber River and marshes for spring fishing only; say, up to 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. See my application to you of the 17<sup>th</sup> March last. Of course you are aware that this pike gill net fishing is permitted there solely for the protection of Salmon. -- as pike devour salmon, and their prey. --

There is a new marshes in the Humber between the Humber Bridge, Lake Ontario, and the Humber and "Humber Mills". These marshes communicate with the River, and in fact, part of the River are River & the marshes and in three of them only pike gill nets were fished this year, for when the Lake and Humber River is low the water is equally low, when the water in the river is high the marshes and river are all one. --

The marsh complained of, there is two entrances, into the Humber River, from this marsh, which I would say, contains about five acres of water and marsh, with a small belt of river marsh back, nearly all round it, save the main land, except at the open (spaces) entrances from the River above referred to, and through which the water flows in, and out from the River and marsh. -- My own impression is, the marshes all belong to the River, and not to the land; for where the River runs close in, under the high bank, the lot it appears goes no further. --

Mr. G. L. Sticks, fished his pike gill nets in this marsh which now appears, is occupied by Mr. W. J. Murray, at present, it is said to be part of 200, acres, being Reserve lot, he at present leases. --

Mr. Charles Nurse, resident at the Humber Hotel keeps and who fished there last year, under a license for pike attempted, without having a license from the Department, to fish, and did fish pike gill nets, in this marsh on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April last, and force his way into said marsh, in contravention of the fishing act. --

When Nurse found I would not recommend him, for a license for to fish in the Humber and marshes he applied to one of Mrs. Murray's sons (Colly) for leave to fish pike gill nets in this marsh; and he told Nurse he might do so, Nurse had Alex. Macmillan Esq. M. P. for Toronto to write to me on the subject. I, however, have not yet received any answer.

I was at the Chamber, on the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> of April last, when Mr. D. L. Hicks, handed me the attached Notice, he that notice got served on him by Charles House. --

I called on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, to see, that had then just arrived from the Chamber. Hicks told me, that he had just set some traps, that he was going to the Chamber, and would be there on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, subject to my decision. --

While I permitted Hicks, to go, to see, that he was having a house from the Chamber, dated 26<sup>th</sup> of March 1877, which Hicks has only on the 18<sup>th</sup>, that was a fraud of his own invention. --

Hicks will pay of House. --

Hicks lives on the bank of the River, at the Rail-way Bridge. He enters his boat from the river, and by two separate entrances, goes to the land, and without getting out of his boat, and this is the total amount of his off-loading. -- House spread the poles across. --

House took his poles up, and Hicks took some of them up for him. --

House it now appears with a Mr. Bagley, and others residents in the City, have since the 17<sup>th</sup> of April last gone into these matters, with Hicks and House to take poles and were complained of, to me, by Mr. R. D. Hicks, but beyond this telling me, I have been able to do with, and no case has been brought nor prevented from angling at the Chamber, nor in any of the rivers, related to. --

I went to the Chamber of Mr. B. M. Murray, on last Thursday afternoon, where I have this morning, with whom I speak, to see, that the Chamber had an in this respect, and that the Hicks was present, part of the time, and Hicks asked permission for her to fish in the Chamber, for, he would have been allowed by her to do so, in the previous season, part of the place was included in the out of the Hicks. --

Angling is encouraged in the Chamber, by Hicks, but he will not let out his boats for other uses, for, he has not them. -- He has agreed to leave part of the Chamber, for a picnic pleasure, to be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. --

Even so late as Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, Hicks declined to rent a boat, to those who were to go, who came with spears and back rights in fish, and spent in the Chamber. --



... the Murray told me that on the same evening the snakes - fishermen & fished down by the House to the rapids of the branch river nets, where they built a fire and as the night and fished all night and into Sunday morning.

And last year, they set fire to the bush, and killed partridge out of season, plucked, and roasted and eat them on the premises.

Miss Murray was told what she complained of to Mr. Whitehead and I can now describe that she was misled to some extent, and I have I hope cleared up her mind on the matter.

Then there was the other parts of the case, Charles Weiss has since applied for a license to fish in L. Ontario and I have sent down his money, today. - and with due respect.

I have &c

John Kerr  
J.O.

My dear Sir,

P.S.

Some young man this morning has never yet been told.

J. S. Kerr  
J.O.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 12, instant is just received. On your sending me three dollars, by return of mail, I will apply and obtain for you a license for the fishing department, for the fish in the places you have asked for.

Very obediently,

John Kerr  
J.O.

Hamilton

15. May 1877.

My dear Sir,

One of the 1840s

1840s



1 May 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on yesterday when on the beach I found a load of lumber (2) and reported there on yesterday at 10 a.m. in B. Bay with the intention of building a Boat House there. —

On inquiry, I found the said lumber was sent on by William Malsie, of Hamilton, Boat builder, with the intention of building a boat there to put out. I saw Malsie afterward and ordered him to remove the lumber. —

This Malsie is the same man, whose boat I captured in B. Bay, night of 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1876, while engaged in illegal fishing. —

There is a boat house already on B. Beach, built by you, annually to Mr. Pastern, and for the present at least, I deem this all sufficient for the accommodation of the public who may be engaged in fishing. —

Yours faithfully,  
John Bollen.

Copy.

Messrs. John Bollen,

Thursday, 22, May 1879.

Off to Mussels — on W. J. and Prince Railway, — went out 3.45. p. m., arrived there at 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> p. m. — Miles 40, Railway fare 47.5, Tea 40. — bed 25.

Friday 23, May 1879.

From Mussels to Preston and Waterloo Village, there that night, Breakfast, dinner tea and bed 47.5, Railway fare Stage fare 50¢ went out at 12.45, came in at 9 o'clock, p. m. bed 25.  
16 miles

Saturday 24, May 1879.

at Waterloo Village, thence to Bridge Port, examined the dam there, back again, examined about Mussels, and Distillery. — made inquiries — as per my report — thence by Stage to Preston, and by Railway to Hamilton, went out at 4. a. m. — came in at 3. p. m. — Miles 56 —, Fare 2.00 Stage fare 50¢ 14.00. Breakfast and dinner 50¢



My dear Sir,

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, received, many thanks for your kind information, which I will attend to, very soon; I will pay you a visit at Weston; when I expect amongst other things to find your own speckled trout pond in a prosperous condition. I send you a notice to post up, by which you will learn, close season for game kinds of fish have been changed; and with many thanks, and my warm regards. -

John B. Rasker Esq  
 15, St. James's House  
 17, May 1877.

J.B. Rasker  
 John B. Rasker  
 Esq. Hamilton  
 17, May 1877.

Sir,

17, May 1877.

I have the honor to apply to you, for permission to haul a seine, in that part of the bay, or any other part of the bay, set apart for the natural propagation of fish. So as to catch about 120, like Black, White, Speckled Green and Rock bass, for to supply and stock a pond, which is the bounty of Stalton, leased for a term of seven years, by His Honor Judge Miller, as President, Mr J. W. Hutchinson, Vice Pres and J. B. Rasker. Secretary, of a Club formed there; who will pay the expenses consequent thereto, the fish will be caught under my immediate personal supervision, and when caught will be taken in water barrels by me per Railway at once, and deposited in the pond referred to. -

I have much pleasure in recommending this matter for your honorable consideration, and respectfully request that you will be pleased to grant the permission without delay. - Yours with due respect,

I have &c.

Hon: Minister,  
 & & &

John B. Rasker  
 Esq.

Stationery 25/-  
 do. 25/-

Sir,

19. May 1879.

1. - I am the one to apply to you, for a Boat License, for Samuel King, of B. beach; for to fish 500 yards, of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " inches mesh extension measure, Cisco, and Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, off B. beach, in the Township of Saltfleet, for this current season, at the rate of Five dollars, for the season. -

2. - John Connors, - B. beach; For a boat license to fish 300 yards of Cisco, and Herring gill nets,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " inches extension measure, in Lake Ontario, east of the Stony Creek Road, in the Township of Saltfleet, at the rate of \$3, for year 1879.

3. Duncan McGillivray, B. Beach, For a Boat license to fish 300 yards of Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, off B. beach, the said gill nets to be  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " inch mesh, extension measure; for current season of 1879.

This man is poor, disabled, and has a large family. I beg most respectfully to recommend, that you will be pleased to grant him, a "Free license". -

4. Richard Saife, B. beach, For a boat license to fish 1000 yards of White fish gill nets, not less than 5" inches extension measure, and 1,300. yards of 14" <sup>Cisco</sup> gill nets of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " inch extension measure; in L. Ontario off B. beach, township of Saltfleet, for this current year, at the rate of five dollars, per. - (1879.)

5. Mrs. Anne Sheehanal, B. beach. For a boat license to fish 2,000. yards of Cisco, and Herring gill nets, in L. Ontario, same as last year. - at the rate of Five dollars, for the year 1879. -

6. John Sheehans, B. Beach, For a boat license to fish 500 yards of Herring gill nets, on fishing station No. 14, in L. Ontario on B. beach; for the current year, at Five dollars per - 1879. The gill nets to be  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " inches extension measure. -

With reference to my application, for these Boat licenses, I take the liberty of communicating to you, that before, I deliver the same, I intend inserting a clause in each license barring the licensees from setting on certain reefs, and sand bars, frequented almost continually with small white fish; and which I hope will meet your approval.

am with due respect,

I Have &c.  
John W. Sker  
M. C.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to fish in Lake Ontario on the beach, in the township of Bathurst, for the current season of 1879, and I beg to say that I am confident that you will be pleased to grant the same to the undersigned, as follows:

1. Produce Bony, B. Beach, "For a license to fish a white fish seine of 300 yards long, of not less than 4 inch meshes, on Station No. 2, in Lake Ontario, township of Bathurst, during this present season of 1879. The rate to be ten dollars."

2. David Clark, B. Beach, "For a license to fish a white fish seine of 500 yards long, of not less than 4 inch meshes, on Station No. 7, and a part of No. 6, in Lake Ontario, township of Bathurst, during this present year, of 1879, the rate to be ten dollars."

3. Alvanus M. B. Beach, "For a license to fish a white fish seine 600 yards long, of not less than 4 inch meshes, on Station No. 6, in Lake Ontario, township of Bathurst, during this present year of 1879, the rate to be ten dollars."

4. John Gause, B. Beach, "For a license to fish a white fish seine 200 yards long, of not less than 2 1/2 inch meshes, on Station No. 9, in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach township of Bathurst, during this present year of 1879. The rate including a boat house to fish 200 yards of fishing gear to be ten dollars."

The license for fishing, shall not commence for ten days, after the white fish season is over."

5. David M. George, B. Beach, "For a license to fish a white fish seine 500 yards long, of not less than 4 inch meshes, on Station No. 11, in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, township of Bathurst, during the current year, of 1879. The rate to be ten dollars."

6. Benjamin Jones, B. Beach, "For a license to fish a white fish seine 500 yards long, of not less than 4 inch meshes, on Station No. 12, in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach township of Bathurst, during the current year, of 1879, the rate to be ten dollars."

7. Frederick M. Jones, B. Beach, "For a license to fish a white fish seine 400 yards long, of not less than 4 inch meshes, on Station No. 13, in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach township of Bathurst, during the current year, of 1879. The rate to be ten dollars."

I will thank you to send me the above licenses with the least possible delay.



As it is anticipated there will be a plentiful supply of White fish, this year on the same hauling grounds in Lake Ontario, B. beach, during the months of June, July, (this year) when according to section 9, of the Fisheries Act, they cannot be serried for; But as you have been pleased to ignore this section of the Act during each year, for several years past, in my division enforcing other most strict regulations instead? - I have the honor to recommend that you will be pleased to permit Serrie hauling, for White fish, during June and July, this year, in my division, which is the only time, they can be taken, at B. Beach Port Credit, Toronto Island, and Frenchman's bay, with Serries. - -

Your letter of 18, of December, 1878, and your Notice "Commisplainers", of 2, April 1879, establishing the Serrie hauls, and the section 13, of the Fisheries Act coupled with my own actual experience will I hope, be all sufficient to protect the White fish. - Besides if small White fish should make their appearance this year, during the month specified, I shall immediately stop and leave hauling. -

Yours with due respect,

I Have &c  
John W. Kerr  
J. O.

Wednesday, 21, May 1879,  
At Winona, and on B. beach, Complaint made by I. C. - That J. H. Corey, had hauled in L. Ontario on Monday night, and had caught quite a lot of White fish, with his Herring Seine, and any amount of Peregrine, Meas in the Hamilton Market, when J. H. Corey, sold the White fish to W. H. Meates. - Went up the Beach and heard that J. H. Corey, had hauled again on Tuesday night - and that the Seine was then lying on the Beach, went up there, examined the Seine, and cut a piece out of the Centre. - Thence to Hamilton, got a Warrant, and summonses - and Sam McKee Jr. to go down - he took the Seine, went out at 6, a.m., and came in 6, p.m. Miles about 48. At 7 P.M. 2.00, breakfast and dinner 50 cts. -

My dear Father Abraham -

Yours received, and had your faith, as your old name said - had of him in his day, and gone out off to the out, you would have done well, but I hope you will go the 10th, and on the old ground at the Twenty.

Please tell Dick Gillett and Tyson, to send me the balance of the interest you, and direct Dick and Tyson, if they have not already done so, to move out all their furniture, out of the 15, and 16, immediately - with the

I believe me Father Abraham,

Wm. S. Webb Esq.  
Journalist, Milton  
Bromfield.

Yours faithfully,  
John W. Kerr Esq.,  
Hamilton, Ont.  
20. May 1879.

1879. S. Jack Bolton, moved the Boat House and Reels off Elliotts ground, and got his license - Monday, you cannot fish, nor land trout, o'clock on Saturday evening, until 6 o'clock on the following Monday morning in each week, and go for it Dick Gillett &c.

20. May 1879

Yours J. W. Kerr  
J. W. Kerr

Wednesday Night 21. May 1879.

J. H. Corey - after the seine rope and Boat was Captured, came up to my place, I was in bed, but got up, he wished the Cases to come on at 10 A. M. next day - Thursday, and so it did - See Report, dated 26. May 1879.

Thursday, 22. May 1879.

at Police Court, in Cases of J. H. Corey, Lake Corey, George Jones, and the Body.

Please my report of 26. May 1879.  
For all particulars.

26 May 1879.

During the last night for some information that on Monday night last in S. Ontario, on N. Beach, J. K. Corey, Jacob Corey, George Jones and a boy 14 years old at present in J. K. Corey's employment, fished a Herring Seine, of which the piece now enclosed, is a specimen, and caught a quantity of White Fish, which he sold to R. A. Bate, fish dealer, Hamilton. -

On Wednesday last, 21, May, I was on N. Beach when I received the information herein, and also that J. K. Corey, and son had fished in S. Ontario, on Tuesday night last, the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., and had also hauled on his seine hauling ground in N. Bay on Saturday, the 17, inst., and after 5.00 p.m. - and on Monday morning, the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., before 5.00 a.m., in contravention of the Fishing Act. -

I, immediately on Wednesday last, had the net cut, and a coil of rope seized and taken possession of, and J. K. Corey, and his son Jacob, came before me as Police Magistrate, threw themselves on the mercy of the Court his son Jacob Corey, also done the same; J. K. Corey, also appeared for George Jones, and the said boy, pleaded guilty for them also. -

There was one thing, however, that Corey, and his son persisted in and that he had caught the White Fish on his seine ground in N. Bay. -

I met this, by telling him that suppose he did but which I do not believe he should have instantly liberated them alive, as he became plainly pointed out, that he was licensed to catch herring, but not fish. -

The Magistrate has deferred giving his decision until Monday next, affording J. K. Corey, an opportunity, of presenting some defence, asking for clemency - this one time more.

I told J. K. Corey, in presence of James Cahill Esq. Police Magistrate, that I would recommend his license in N. Bay, for seine hauling, to be cancelled, - at once, and I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to cancel the said seine hauler's license forthwith, in N. Bay. -

Pending your decision in this case, in reply to a petition I understand J. K. Corey has made.





Sir,

26 May 1879.

I have the honor to report, that I observed some  
dust speck, on the edge of the River at Preston, it came  
from the saw mill there, a former owner of which I  
joined some years ago.

Mr. Jones, the Proprietor of the Spa Hotel, there  
informed me that speckled trout, are injured and damaged,  
very much in the locality.

Will you be pleased to instruct Mr. Robt  
Watt, M.O., M.A. & Co., in whose local division this  
contamination of the fish, is having committed, to attend  
to it immediately. - and with due respect

C. Rose

Hon. Minister,

For F. F.

Sir,

30 May 1879.

Will you be pleased to send me the boat,  
and David's boat, as accused applied for, by me to you  
on 19<sup>th</sup> of May instant; (as the Fishermen on B.  
Beach; and with due respect)

I have &c

Hon. Minister,

For F. F.

John W. Jones

B.C.

Sir,

30 May 1879.

I beg most respectfully to apply to you  
for my quarterly salary due ending 31<sup>st</sup> day of March  
last.

I am much obliged to use up some money  
in travelling over my division I want to pay  
back. - I have &c

Hon. Minister,

For F. F.

John W. Jones

B.C.

Thursday, 29 May 1879. -

On ... Island, Toronto and Hamilton - saw Jim  
Wilcox - went out at a.m. can in boat 4.30  
p.m. - mile 60 Boat 25 Railways in 120 back -  
part d -

578

[illegible]

July 21. a Baddy.

Your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup>, just received. The  
Fishes Act, distinctly says: Gill nets for catching white fish, shall  
be made of not less than 5" mesh, extension measure. - You  
must not catch small white fish, with a 3" mesh gill  
net, if you do, and Mr. J. W. Wilson or any person com-  
plains against you, you will be fined \$20, and costs, and  
the gill nets, and boat, will be forfeited, and your li-  
cense cancelled altogether, for the remainder of the year.  
Why, Paddy, my friend, you know the law, just as  
well as I do! - and that I have no power on my part to  
alter or amend the law. -

I am sure that you heard from me that no  
person can set out 3" inch Theriac nets, or Catch  
small white fish, — I have seen them elsewhere,  
he should never try it, any more. — You must be  
opposed to all such illegal fish ing, and  
my best advice to you is, now and ever, stand  
by the law. With my kind regards, and love,  
I am, your friend,  
J. H. H. H.

Hamilton, Ont.

30, May 1978

Edith Kane Jr. 8-

Monday, 30. May 1879. -

On 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1912.  
and Montrose Bay. Saw a large number of white fish, about 4.50 per lb. caught in net 1.  
black, on 31. day - 1 lb. 3.00, 2.00, -

The steam pier of the Canal, took fire from the  
Hornet Steamer, and burned all up to the Bridge  
pier, - a great burning it was. . . .



My dear Sir,

Yours received, I will endeavour to be on the ground on Monday next, and settle the disputed boundary between you and David Herbert. - I have caused a disinterested person present, who will report to me the boundary lines, between 18. and 19. -

Joseph Gabriel Esq

David Herbert

J. S. Bailey. -  
John W. Kerr

D. O.

30. May 1877.

Sir,

31. May 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No. 82, for the sum of Fifty five dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for this account to be shown, as set forth, in my applications to you of the 19th instant, viz:

1. William Gray - B. Beach. - Sewer License.	\$10.00
2. David Fitch. - B. Beach. - do.	10.00
3. Alexander Rollo. B. Beach. - do.	10.00
4. Alexander Rollo. - B. Beach. - Boat License	5.00
5. Saml. McJowne B. Beach. - Sewer License	10.00
6. Benl. Goulds. B. Beach. - do.	10.00
and with much respect	Total, \$55.00

I have &c.

Hon: Minister

John W. Kerr

D. O.

Mr. W. Gray -

The Island - or  
Capt. Turner - Steamer  
Leaving - Toronto.

31. May 1879.

Send copy of your letter to the Mayor, and Council at once. -

John W. Kerr

Telegraphs 28.

Wrote Captain Turner - today, and sent him a copy of the Fisher's apt, for Mr. Boyd's information.

John W. Kerr D. O.

31. May 1879.

Gentlemen. --

31 May 1879. --

Complain to have been made against you to me -- That  
"you run the contents of your bats, from the cannery, into the small  
"steam close by, and which runs into the River Thames, by which thousands  
"of fish raised in the fishery act, are killed and destroyed". --

Should this happen again, I will be obliged, in my capacity  
as a fishery officer to go up to Blackstock, and put the act in  
force against you; but will have to sue you. -- However! --  
it is only right, just and proper, that I should give you notice  
before hand, of what you expect, unless your income =  
dictated by the law. --

Sub Section 2, of Section 14, of the F. Act, Reads: --  
"Time, chemical substances, or drugs, poisonous matter, or  
"any deleterious substances, shall not be allowed to pass  
"into, be kept, or remain in any water frequented by any  
"of the kinds of fish mentioned in this act". -- "Penalty, \$100.  
dollars". --

Please stop all this for the time to come. --  
an oblige

Yours respectfully,  
John W. Lee  
F.O.

Yours truly,  
J. Lee & Co.  
Cannery  
Woods Fork.

P.S. & Now Gentlemen, what explanation  
have you to make for yourselves.

Wednesday, 4. June 1879. --

On B. beach, to give out licenses; Nolla, taking  
-- an angry tree out of his seine hauling ground; --  
found out when I arrived on Beach, that the licenses  
were not signed by the Commissioner -- went out  
at 8, a.m. came in at 7, p.m. Adidas 36,  
At B \$1.55, dinner and Horse feed 58.

Let

4. June 1879.

I was about to issue the enclosed hauling licenses to day, to the fishermen on B. B. when I discovered they were not signed by Mr. Whitches. - - -

I return them for his signature, as I presume it is an oversight. - - -

- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. J. H. Corey, -    | a haul-<br>ing license, |
| 2. Mortimer Corey, - | do, -                   |
| 3. Ben. Folds, -     | do, -                   |
| 4. David Fitch, -    | do, -                   |
| 5. Sam. McGwynne, -  | do, -                   |
| 6. Alex. Kello, -    | do, -                   |
| 7. John Laaffe, -    | do, -                   |

Also the following Boat Licenses.

- |                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Jonathan Corey, -     | B. Beach. |
| 2. John Bennett, -       | do, -     |
| 3. Duncan McGillivray, - | do, -     |
| 4. Richard Laaffe, -     | do, -     |
| 5. Mrs. Ann Sherburne, - | do, -     |
| 6. John Hughes, -        | do, -     |

When signed by Mr. Whitches  
please return them to me. -

I Have &c,  
John W. Starr  
D.O.

Mr. Minster, &  
& & &

Monday, 2. June 1879. -

At Portford by order from Mr. Whitches, Com-  
missioner, to make enquiries about Mr. Robert Watt,  
for neglect of duty, and for absenting himself from  
Portford - See my report of this date, went out  
at 8. a.m., came in at 7. p.m. till  
my fare \$2.00. - 25¢. 34¢ 50. - 1.50. - 375



Sir,

4. June 1879. -

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No 94. for eight dollars. - -

1. Francis, and Mrs Charlotte Reid: For Seine hauling license in Lake Ontario, at Port Credit, for this current season, already received, and delivered on apt. - 5.00.
2. Harry Hickenhull, Bertie, For a Seine hauling license to fish a 50 yard Seine in Lake Erie, between Point Abino, and Shillers point, during this present season. - - please send me this license. 3.00.

Total \$ 8.00

Hon: Minister  
Y. Y. Y.I Have Yc,  
John W. Kero  
S. S.

Sir,

7. June 1879,

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 101, for the sum of Twenty Dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current season, as follows:

1. John Bolton, of Niagara: For a Seine hauling license in Lake Ontario, at the Four Mile Creek, already received and delivered. - - 15.00.
2. Mr Andrew Ames, Scarborough, - For a license to fish a Seine 120 yards long in Lake Ontario, between the Harbour of Port Union, and the Rouge, if salmon are caught, they must be instantly thrown alive!

And no fishing can be carried on, between 6 o'clock on Saturday night, and 6 o'clock on the following Monday morning. - - please send license for Ames. - 5.00.

Total, 20.00

Hon: Minister  
Y. Y. Y.I Have Yc,  
John W. Kero  
S. S.

The Bridgetown Monitor furnishes some valuable facts in reference to the fish-breeding establishment started at Bedford Basin (Halifax) two or three years ago by the Dominion Government. The editor's informant is a gentleman who visited the establishment last month, and had an interview with the gentleman in charge, Mr. Wilmot. The work is carried on in a capacious building erected for the purpose, through which an ample stream, drawn from the Sackville River, flows. During the winter, by artificial heat, the air is kept at the desired temperature. The spawn are taken thither in the autumn, and placed in troughs cased either with zinc or tin, and a current of water is passing gently through them. The hatching season is early in spring, and in a few weeks the baby fish, only an inch or two in length, are conveyed away in tanks to rivers, where they are placed to shift for themselves. There are now, the Monitor says, 1,400,000 salmon spawn, 200,000 whitefish spawn from the Ontario lakes, and 10,000 salmon trout from the same lakes, all in the process of hatching, and the younglings before midsummer will be transferred to the rivers and lakes of the Province.

My dear Moon,

Your's received, with \$5, from Andrew, Annis, which I sent away to the Department - Ottawa, will send him next week. -

Joe Black petitioned for his Series, got the Hon: J. B. Gibbs, Judge Murray, 12, Magistrate, and 86 others to sign for him; It was sent to me to report upon, but since I don't so, I have heard no more. - - -

I may say, that I put in a claim for all the expenses attending the seizure of Joe Black's Series the reason why! I have not got any money to pay that man you allude to. - - -

Sen: Allash is dead and buried, how is the fishing at Frenchman's Bay, enquire and let me know. I hope you are all well. - anything about the Dutchman -

Young Newman, applied to me some time ago for a license to fish where Joe Black used to haul, but on letting him know the license fee, I have heard no more from him. -

Is there any one hauling at Frenchman's Bay, but please answer, -

Joe Moon Esqr

J. B. Gibbs  
John B. Gibbs Esqr  
7. June 1879.

P.S. (or) You had better buy a Series from Pat Gray, or some other Island fisherman, I will apply and get a license there for you.

Sir,

2. June 1877.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, with an enclosure from Mr John McEwen, of the City of Montreal, complaining for himself and several others against Mr Robert Watt, the local fishing Overseer - Montreal; "for neglect of duty in his capacity as Overseer" - "And for absconding himself from the said City of Montreal, without leave from the Department of Marine and Fisheries - Ottawa. . . ."

I had intended to proceed at once to Montreal enquire into this matter, as certain if the fishing Overseer, is present there or if absent or where, or for what. . . .

In reply, I have the honor to report, that in obedience to your order, I proceeded to Montreal this day, and called on Mr John McEwen, who is a most respectable man, and is employed as Foreman to Messrs Smith and Murphy, Saddlers, and Harness Makers &c, on the principal street there. Mr McEwen is, and has been for many years past, Chief of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade - Montreal. . . .

On making known to Mr McEwen my instructions, he told me, that Mr Robert Watt, the local fishing Overseer, has been absent two months, and that during the close season for bass, and pickled &c, between the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, and 15<sup>th</sup> of May, Mr Watt was absent from his division, in Toronto and where he still remains at this present time, working at his Trade as Carpenter, on the Parliament Buildings there, as I was reliably informed, by a person of veracity. . . . I was also informed that spearing in the Grand River, at Montreal, has been carried on, occasionally at night, by persons in boats with Jack lights, and gobs have been used; bass and pickled caught therein, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. . . . The strings of bass, and pickled have been also caught by anglers, and carried by them openly in the public streets of Montreal during the recent close season. . . .

Also pickled, as reported to me were brought in from Lake Erie, and other places, and sold in Montreal, as exposed for sale, during close season, but Mr Robert Watt, the local fishing Overseer, was then, and is now absent from Montreal, - and is in Toronto. . . .

I have further to report, that I called upon Mr J. W. Excell, a very respectable man, resident in Montreal, who has written all Mr Watts official reports, to you, and he had no hesitation in telling me, that Mr Robert Watt had not done his duty altho as Mr E. . . . said, I urge him, on to it again and again. . . .

Mr Robert Watt, an another Carpenter, from Montreal, who is working with him on the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, will be . . .



Brantford<sup>City</sup>, on Thursday next, as I was told, for to Vote  
for the Standard.

And that since he went to Toronto he had  
written him, advising him, to attend to his duty in  
consequence of the numerous report abroad of his  
Mr Watts, neglecting it; But he took no notice of  
such advice. - Mr Ryce, told me Mr Watts was  
absent in Toronto for about 5 weeks, and he gave  
me his address thus! Mr Robert Watt, Car-  
penter, No: 108, Bond St, Toronto. -

I examined Mr A: Watts, Mill Dam, on the Gt  
River, at Brantford, where I found a number of per-  
sons angling and catching bass, - and I ascer-  
tained the fishway, was carried away last year,  
during the September freshet: all of which is  
respectfully submitted for your consideration  
and decision. - I have, &c

Hon: Minister

John W. Kerr  
J. O.

private and Confidential.

Your friend Turnival, I believe will get the  
appointment, you do however all I have  
asked of you, and say nothing about it, to any  
person, until after it is publicly announced. -

W. Griffith Esq

W. Turnival  
John W. Kerr J. O.  
7. June 1879.

Close season - Mass, pickled, &c.  
P. S. Palmer, the fish dealer, will no doubt  
help, if you are on intimate terms with  
him. Can tell you privately.

W. Griffith Esq

My dear Mary,

I have just had an answer to my report, and I send you word for word, part of it thus: "If you find the fish bite for you for catching, I will give you at Montford, during the close season, it might be well to bring a few prosecutions against the principal persons."

Now what I want you to do for me is to find out at once who it was who caught bass and pickered during the close season, say between the 15. of April, and the 15. of May last.

Mr John McLean, told me of two or three cases but he does not wish to be mixed up in them himself. Will you please see him at once, ascertain the names, dates of offences; Jacob Foster, who says how the fish can tell, who the persons are, who were spearing with Boat, and light traps. —

And you may say your own memory, and recollect the boy, you saw with the string of bass, also who it was who caught the large pickered.

And remember not get their names of the persons who sent pickered or bass into your market during the close season, and if they come from Haverhill, or Newburyport, or any other place, — and who had them in for sale in your market during the close season. I wish with all these things for me in your own handy way, and I will on hearing from you and Mr McLean, come up, as I am instructed, and prosecute. — "It is necessary to prosecute" —

There is a person or two, who have been fishing nets, — I have some persons from Paris came down to Montford, and fished a small seine. — Also that some one back in the County from Montford, has a seine, if possible find out who they are for me, and route me down. Keep all quiet and believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Schullken

P.S.

8. June 1879.

My friend left

C. C. of Police

Montford.

P.S. please find private Memorandum enclosed,  
J. W. Koon

Sir,

June 1879. -

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, relating to my report of 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, on complaints made against Overseer Robert Watt, of Brantford; and in which you request me to state, whether "I know of any one there, who could be temporarily employed as local Fishery Guardian," -

In reply, I have the honor to report, that when I was in Brantford, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, the names of three persons were given me by Mr. John McEwen, one of the Complainants, but upon enquiries I made, I found none of them, "altho good men in other respects," are suitable for the office. -

I then made some enquiries for a good man, and I have now the honor to recommend Mr. William Turnival, Auctioneer, Brantford to fill the office as local Fishery Guardian there. - -

I saw this person, and he was highly recommended to me for the situation. - -

Hoping that you will <sup>be pleased to</sup> appoint Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Turnival, to the said office, and by sending his appointment to me, I will run up, and instruct him in his duties, and with due respect.

I Have &c,

John W. Kerr  
H. O.

Mailed Receipts for Quarters \$  
Salary ending 31 March 1879, for 125,  
to the Department, this 9, June 1879,

Monday, 9, June 1879.

On B. beach, found some Willow rubbish on the Bay shore. Called Mr. Smith's attention to it - examined Mr. J. H. Corey's. White fish seine, all O.K. - delivered the following licenses; Mr. Corey, J. H. Corey (not paid), David Gitch, Alex. Rollo, Ben. Dolds, Dan. Gwynne all paid, except J. H. Corey, went out at 8.30 a.m. Came in at 4 p.m. Hides 30. 144 B. 2.00. Continued them about catching small White fish. -



Dear Sir,

7. June 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you for licenses, for the undersigned fishermen, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to issue the same for this current season. - - -

1. David Tyson, Clinton. For a boat license to fish 2,000 yards of white fish, Salmon Trout, and Sturgeon gill nets of legal sized meshes, in Lake Ontario, between Gregorys point, township of Louth, and the Red Creek, in the township of Clinton. - rate 10.00.
2. Richard Gilbert, Louth. For a boat license, to be just the same as last year. - the rate to be 15.
3. Hobbs Keith, Clinton. For a Boat license, same as last year. - rate, \$6.00.
4. David Barros, Queenston. For a license to fish a blackchin on lot No: 3, - and for permission to spear sturgeon on lot No: 18, - in the Niagara River, at Queenston. \$5.00.
5. George White, Whitby. For seine hauling license at Whitby Harbour, Lake Ontario to be the same as last year. - \$5.00.
6. John Broadfoot, Whitby. For license to fish a seine in Whitby Harbour, (100 yds.) in Lake Ontario, same as last year. 3.00.
7. Wm. McLeod, Frenchmans Bay. For a boat license to fish 2,000 yards of white fish and Salmon Trout gill nets, same as last year. \$5.00.
8. Francis Portman, Gates Lelly. For a boat license to fish 2,000 yards of white fish and Salmon Trout gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Scarborough, same as last year. - 5.00.
9. Thomas Coice, B. Beach. For seine hauling license to fish a seine white fish <sup>250 yds.</sup> station No: 15, in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, to be filled up same as all the other seine hauling licenses for white fish this, - \$10.00.

and with due respect,

Yours, obediently

I have to

John H. Kerr

B. S.

A Salmon Caught in Seine at Port Acredit, Ontario, by Mr. J. Reid and Son - 6. June 1879, and liberated alive, as per James J. Wilcox letter to me

Wm. Kerr B. S.

Sir,

30. May 1879.

In reply to your letter of the 26, instant, in answer to mine of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant for a supply of salmon, and white fish fry, for the Niagara River - To which the Minister reports that it is "too late now to obtain white fish fry, the period for their distribution being during the months of March and April?"

When I made this application, I done so, so far as the White fish fry, was concerned, in good faith, "I did not ask for S. Trout fry" - for the purpose only of obtaining a supply from the Detroit <sup>River</sup> Hatchery at Sandwich, which could be deposited the same evening of the day they are taken from the Hatchery there in the Niagara River. - I done so, not because there is a scarcity of white fish now in Lake Ontario but only because I desired to see the White fish of L. Erie, and L. Ontario, intermixed, which might tend to some good. --

My reports of the last four years, and previous reports, to the department, shewing the great quantities of young white fish, I discovered in my division of Lake Ontario, I feel now great pride in telling you in confirmation of the said official reports, have burst forth this year, in the largest takes of magnificent white fish, that has ever been witnessed, for a long series of time. --

Thousands of fish in a haul, and selling wholesale at \$2. per 100 fish, thus making white fish, plentiful, and cheap to the people of the neighbourhood, and community of L. Ontario, in my division. --

I don't know what others may think or say, about this matter, but I feel some little pride that my exertions in protecting the small white fish, from being caught whenever I could prevent it, in their immature state, seems to me now has not been labor in vain. --

I hope you will be pleased to issue orders to the different F.O. of Lake Ontario, that excelsive seine fishing will not be permitted on any of it in their respective divisions, during this season. --

We have the white fish now, and so must guard and protect them as the apple of the eye. --

I Have &amp;c

Hon. Minister -

John D. Sloss  
F.O.

ser.

30. May 1879. -

I have the honor to receive your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> instant, in reply to my application of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, for Salmon fry, &c. - I now beg to report that on Wednesday last 28<sup>th</sup> instant, I met by appointment, with Mr Samuel Wilcock at the train at 9.45, a.m., Union Station, Toronto, Mr Wm Henry Macdonald, from the Newcastle Government Fish Breeding Establishment, Ontario; with four large tin pails containing a large quantity of Salmon fry, in excellent condition which we took on to Lambton Village on the Dundas Street, and deposited the same in the Chamber River - considering the large supply of Salmon fry, made to, and deposited in this stream, except about a dozen of Salmon, that I have heard of the Salmon do not seem to present a show in this stream equal to the deposits made annually, therein. -

The mill dam at Howden's mill was carried away, from there, by the great freshet of last September, when the stream was completely cleaned out, and now appears in good condition for fry, or parent Salmon, if I may except some dace, and sucker, and chub fishing in spring, from the Weston Saw Mills - the proprietors of which were asked by me to keep the dace out from this stream, still permits it to pass to the same. I will have to put some stop, when I hope to put a final stop to such a Contamination of the Fisheries Act, otherwise the Wilcocks' fry, will be labour in vain.

Yours, &c.

John W. Kerr  
J. W.

- Wednesday, 11. June 1879.

At S. Bridge - thence to Leamington, and up the River, as far as Stations No: 18, and 19, about which there is a dispute between David Herron, and Joseph Gabriel Jr. examine the storm, Thos: Winton, Joseph Gabriel Sr David Herron. I have a letter from Mr John Hawn, respecting the boundary between 18, and 19. - the weight of the evidence shows, that the boundary is at a 4' 10" square rock, which stands in front of a bass wood tree, on the Bank of the River - and so I shall give my decision, and it at 4.30. I am in at 5. p.m. 11.12.50. My gas. 2. amount 25. I have seen sea and had 50 of.



20. May 1879.

I have the honor to receive your communication of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. regarding the overflowed meadows of the Stum-  
ber, and in reply, I beg to report that the Pond Com-  
plaint of, to you by Mrs Murray has nothing in it, ap-  
parently to or whereby it can be shown to be a flood  
because no water overflows the narrow belt,  
or bank of the River that nearly surrounds the Marsh  
pond of Bull marsh at Water Mill, navigable for small  
boats for Angling therein, all the season round. With two  
trusses, the only one at the lower end of it, open  
to the River all the year round.

Mr. Spry, Post Office Inspector <sup>Toronto</sup>, who owns 10 acres of  
land, near the Railway bridge, has given him Mr. Hicks,  
permission to land boats at all times on his property. ---

And, Mrs. M. Howells, of the Stumber, who claims  
she owns another pond, adjoining a Brick yard, on  
pieces of Water pond, marshes, lower down. --- She  
land property, from which brick are shipped over her  
pond into the River, and L. Cutaria, for Toronto al-  
ways permitted Mr. O. L. Hicks, to fish in said pond.  
Mrs. M. Howells pond is lower down the River than  
Mrs. Murrays pond. ---

I understand, and I heard Mrs. Murray  
tell Mr. Hicks, he could have the same privileges  
as that given to Charles & Rose, if he had only asked  
for it, but even that in my opinion, I may be wrong  
would not be a justification to him for fishing pike gill-  
nets there, unless he had a license first from the depart-  
ment of Marine and Fisheries.

These Ponds of water, I have named, situated on the  
Stumber, a Navigable stream for a mile above Mr. Murrays  
pond, up as far as the stone quarries for steam Lugs, &c,  
daily plying there, is as much a part, and parcel of the  
River Stumber proper, as Georges Inlet, &c, &c, is a part of  
St. Mary, and the latter, as you are aware, has been long  
established.

There are three or four land locked ponds, besides  
those referred to, higher up the Stumber, where I per-  
ceive the water overflows the River bank, down times, to  
the river. But Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. M. Howells ponds,  
I, above referred to are differently situated, being free  
of access to, in boats and open to the River. ---

When I visited the lumber, as stated in my former report, 17. April last, Charles Nurse, was just after setting a pike gill net across the mouth of the outlet or entrance to the drainage pond, and stopping the free escape of the fish, &c. - I suggested to him to remove the gill net, which was answered to at once. - Nurse also showed two posts, and raised a scaffolding across, on the top of the posts, so as to haul out the fish, which he considered not to go in there any more, that if he did, he would take him up, as he had got a head of the pond.

The complaint in the present volume was largely from a plan, after I was abroad, that Charles was going to put a gill net in the pond, and I learned to this, through the mouth of the fish, &c. - I said it would be to you, the fountain head, - on the subject.

There is not the slightest foundation for this silly report or rumor. - I had learned to this, the day, he object to me by killing off the pike, as he has done the lake and lake on the lake, which I have been very much.

I am sure, I never entertained a thought of allowing Mr. Charles to put a gill net in the pond, within the bounds of a private estate. -

Last season, Mr. Charles Nurse, had a license to fish pike gill nets in the lake, including this same pond. - I could have had my own license to the department, Ottawa, to fish there this year, only, I have not taken it as was said that he was in the habit of fishing and shooting on Sundays.

It was Mr. Nurse who told me first, that Mr. Charles had complained to you, and Mr. Charles told me also that it was said that I had told him, the license was expired. - I said out. - If there is any thing to say, I am the only person to blame, for I am the person who made the application for a pike gill net license to be given as a concession to Salmon and Salmon Trout in the lake. -

W. H. Whitaker Esq.

Comr. of Fisheries,

at Ottawa

John H. Kerr,

Esq.

Thursday 12. June 1879. -

At Niagara - laid off a seine hauling ground, for Messrs Alfred and Charles Ball - which runs from the Wapferage tree, on the bank, which is the east end of Big Jim's ground, to an Oak tree at the west side of the 2. mile pond, Miles B. - Boat 50¢. Breakfast, dinner tea and bed. \$1.00 -

Robert Reid, complaining of Albert Harvey and Albert Shallock, for hauling a small Chub seine in L.O. for Chub bait, on Sunday 1st June 1879. -

Friday, 13. June 1879. -

Went before Wm Kerby Esq J. P. and complained of Albert Davy, and Albert Sherlock, for fishing on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, in L.O. at the Old Fort, and catching fish. They were summoned up, admitted the offence and were fined \$2. each, and \$4.25 costs, which they paid. - Miles 2. - Board \$1.00.

Also got out summonses for Charles Sage, and Samuel Hinley, a Constable, for fishing with hook and line, on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. They were also summoned up, admitted the offence, and were fined \$2. each, and costs. -

Saturday, 14. June 1879. - -

At Niagara Reef, Bridport and Hamilton, saw a dozen white fish to Dick Swinney, went out 9.30, a.m. came in at 2. p.m. Miles 50. Key fare \$2.00. Board 50¢ do. - -

On B. beach. Found all regular, went out at 7. p.m. came in at 11. p.m. Miles 20. \$4 & B. 1.50. - -

June 1879. -

To report, that on Friday last, Messrs Albert Davy and Albert Sherlock who have been fined, &c, complained to me that John Reid, 12 years old, committed a Contention of the Fisheries Act, by fishing for & catching fish, with hook, &c, on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June. - -

I mentioned the case to Wm Kerby Esq J. P. and to Mayor Pafford of Niagara. who declined to take up the case against this boy, simply because Bob Reid his father and himself had given information against Davy and Sherlock. On consultation with the Magistrate, I tried John Reid myself, and I fined him \$2. - - at cost, allowing the same to remain in abeyance, as a guarantee for his future good behaviour.

J. W. Kerby

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerby



Sir,

14. June 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Friday last, I had Samuel Shindle, a Police Constable of the Town of Niagara, brought before Mr. Kirby Esq. J. P., charged by me, "with fishing for, & catching fish in the Niagara River, on Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June with Hook and line, in contravention of the Fisheries Act." - He was fined \$2, and Costs. -

Hon. Minister.

Y. Y. Y.

14. June 1879.

I have the honor to report that on Friday last, I had Charles Sage of the Town of Niagara, brought before Mr. Kirby Esq. J. P., charged by me - "With fishing for, catching and killing fish with Hook, and line, on Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June instant; he admitted the offence and was fined \$2, and Costs. -

I Have, &amp;c.

John W. Kerr,  
J. O.

Hon. Minister.

Y. Y. Y.

- Sir,

14. June 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information that bass fishing is ex. - at this season in the Niagara River, Town of Niagara, near the American Port, but these fish I can assure you have not yet spawned out, for seven black bass I saw opened and cleaned, and the spawners all perfect in them, and from appearances, I consider they will not spawn until July next. - I witnessed this last Friday.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr,  
J. O.

Hon. Minister

Y. Y. Y.

Sunday, 16. June 1879. - -

On B. beach, found the fishermen - all hauling, the white fish numerous, but rather small; - sent a specimen to Mr. W. J. Whitcher - Commissioner for his inspection and information, went out at 6. p. m. came in at 1. o'clock, a. m. Miles 20. Ed. Kerr with me, 94 B. 1.50. -

Yesterday morning a boy named Thomas Canham, of Dundas, was trolling for pike in the Bay, near Carroll's Point, when he got a bite. He tried to pull in, but thought he must have got hold of a stump. The thing wouldn't come; but soon he began to move, and then he thought he had a whale. After a long struggle he managed to boat his prize, which turned out to be a fine maskinonge, 48 inches long and 18 inches round, weighing 25 lbs.

Tuesday, 17. June 1879.  
 issued licenses to the following persons - for  
 Year 1879.

1. Andrew Annis Esq. Port Union. —
2. Thos. Chausgrah. Merchants Bay.  
 Remittance & Office.
3. Sals: Wright for Baile & Co. —  
 do. do.
4. Geo: White. Whitby. — R. Office.
5. John Broadfoot, — = do. —
6. Noble With. Brampton. —

My dear Sir,

May I trouble you to send for  
 Messrs David D'Erro, and Joseph Gabriel Jr and read to  
 them in the presence of each other the enclosed letter. —

I also send their licenses today, having marked out the  
 upper boundary of fishing lot No: 18. — and in order  
 that you may read and explain the law to them,  
 I send you a fishing Act. —

You will please read the boundary, as  
 set forth in each license. —

Hoping you will pardon me for tres-  
 passing on your business so faithfully.

James Wynne Esq. <sup>111</sup>  
 Customs Officer.

Quebec, July

John D'Erro  
 D.O.

18. June 1879.

19. June. Sent David D'Erro, and  
 Joe Gabriel Jr their  
 licenses. —

Sent Jas: Wynne Esq. <sup>111</sup>  
 C. Officer

Quebec, a fishing Act.

Postage 25¢

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14 June 1879.

I have the honor to report, for your information, that on Friday (yesterday) I had Mr. Wacey, and Albert Sherlock, of the Town of Niagara, brought before William Kirby Esq. J. P. of that Town; charged by me with fishing - and being in the Niagara River on Sunday, the 1st day of June, in contravention of the Fishing Act, and the Sabbath Observance Act. They admitted the offences, and were fined two dollars, each, and \$4.25 of costs each, which they paid.

I heard, but cannot prove the case, that Wacey, one of the lessees of the Queen's Royal Hotel, Niagara, employed these two men to catch the Bait, for the purpose of angling for bass; which is carried on every Sunday in American Waters, both by Canadians and American subjects. I will endeavour to catch some one, on Sunday, 22, of June.

I have &c.

John W. Lewis  
D. A.

Hon. Ministers  
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

14. June 1879.

I have the honor to report, for your information that the Gill net fishermen, of Niagara, are at present engaged in American Waters of L. Ontario fishing Sturgeon and pickled gill nets of 3' mesh, extensive numbers.

The principal take is blue back Sturgeon, per cent, for bass and a good many young white fish. Being all caught in American Waters, but landed and sold in Canada I deem it my duty to report the matter to you, and ask for instructions.

I will not recommend any one to fish in American Waters to have this season, for fishing in Canadian waters, at Niagara, by these fishermen, until after the white fish season. - Neither will I recommend any gill net fishing being permitted within three miles of the mouth of the Niagara River, nor within 2 miles of any land belonging to the Province of the Township of Niagara; and which I hope will meet your approval. - The white fish are now become the most numerous fish, in my division of Lake Ontario.

I have &c.

John W. Lewis  
D. A.

Hon. Ministers  
&c. &c. &c.



14, June 1879. --

I have the honor to receive your communication of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May last, enclosing me a Season License in the name of James Bautwell of the Town of Niagara. --

I now beg most respectfully to return to you the said License, that you may cancel it, as it does not represent the Seine hauling ground at present occupied by James Bautwell, near the four mile pond, in Township of Niagara, and as formerly held by Mr. Grobb. --

In my application to you, of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April last, it does now appear to me as if I was not explicit in the description I then gave you of the station formerly held by Mr. Grobb. --

The following description will be more to the point. --

1, James Bautwell, Niagara: -- For a license to fish a White fish Seine 400 yards long, in Lake Ontario, near the four mile pond, Township of Niagara, commencing at the east side of the Seine hauling ground at present occupied by Mr. Robert John Allan, thence for a distance of about 20, chains, fronting on the Lake, to a Pepperage tree, which stands on the bank, overlooking the Lake. --

Money sent you on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April last. --

I Have &c.

Hon: The Minister

V. V. V.

John W. Kent,

P.O. --

Friday 20, June 1879. --

Attended the Police Court, -- in the case brought by Geo: Jones, against Mrs. McGlynn, John Mayle, James Corey, and George Dawson -- for fishing a White fish Seine -- with about four yards of a 3" inch Centre therein: George Jones was drunk, and so the case could not go on. --

Went with Chas; A. Sadler Esq. Barrister and Mr. Adams, Barrister -- examined the Centre, and found it, lacking an inch of the legal size went out at 9. A. M. Came in at 1. A. M. -- having gone to the Beach and saw the Hauling was going on there for White fish. -- Miles 30. Exp. B. 1.50. Supper 50.

## Public Policy Notice,

The rates and Acts of all machines used for fishing purpose, must be put on the notice board, on every Saturday evening, before 6 o'clock a.m., on the following Monday morning.

For the section 14 of Section 13 of the fishing Act,

Man. the Act  
18 June 1879.

By Order,  
Col. W. Kerr  
F.O.

is, the fishermen of the Niagara River at  
Government.

Saturday 21 June 1879. - -

Attended the Police Court today. George Jones, was again drunk, however. The Magistrate took his evidence, also the evidence of H. N. Carey - who proved he saw the accused parties, hauling out fish when on the Rail-way train - running at a rate of about 20 miles an hour; that on Saturday night, the 14 of June instant, he and Geo. Jones accompanied each other, went to the Railway place near McJannet, and cut a piece out of the seine, which was produced in Court, examined and measured by J. W. Kerr, J. Currier. - It measured only 3" extension measure, went out at 8.30 a.m. -

Thence to B. beach, and found old Mr. Schenck Carey, hauling, it was 5 minutes past 6 o'clock p.m. when he hauled in; - explained the law to him; and advised him as to the consequences. He came in at 12, midnight - Miles 30. 144 B. 1.5.

Thursday, 17 June 1879.

Dave McJannet, - came to me and complained of his seine or ropes being seized - when I went down to see him and ascertained the cause. - -

Dear Sirs,

I am now,

From inquiries made by me, as to the upper boundary line, of lot No: 18, in the Niagara River, at Queenston, held by you (David Barror), under a license for spearing Salmon; an - which - you and Jos: W. Gabriel Jr. have, as I am aware, been disputing about. - -

The matter having been referred to me by you, and each of you, for to settle. - - I now by the power invested in me under Sub-section 5, of Section 18, of the Fisheries Act; beg to decide the dispute between you, and Joseph Gabriel Jr. relative to the fishing limits of Station 18, in the Niagara River, at Queenston Heights. - - and having done so, I do hope there will be no more wrangling between you. - - -

As you are both aware, I went on the premises, and there I examined two men, who knew or pretended to know every thing about the Upper boundary line, of lot 18. - - Neither of you (disputants,) however, were present with me. - - -

I also examined, and have the evidence and knowledge of other good reliable persons, as taken down by me, as to the Upper boundary line of lot No: 18. - in dispute as aforesaid. - - -

And I have no hesitation now in settling the boundary line in dispute as follows; Lot No: 18 it appears is a short lot, and is the last lot laid off, fishing purposes up the N. River; Hence it became longer, and longer, and until Joe Gabriel Jr. took out a license for lot No: 19, last year, it was always a short lot, as no person cared about its fishing limits; hence if lot No: 18, went up as far as the Gate, where last Big Salmon was caught 40 years ago; no person seemed to trouble himself about it, nor cared where the upper boundary limits of No: 18, was. However, when these little bickerings arise, truth will always rise on the surface, and so it is in this case. - -

(And extensive illegal (fishing) spearing, has been carried on, "by unlicensed persons", which must now for the present be put a final stop to. - - -

I have therefore, without fear, favour, or affection, made, or all will for either of you, inserted in each of your licenses for 1879, (sent you herewith,) the upper boundary limits of lot No: 18 and so you will govern your men accordingly. See Section 13, of the Fisheries Act, for penalty, if you trespass on each other. - - -



From this I conclude that I shall be unable to obtain a license to fish in Lake Ontario, as you have refused to give me one. In the 1st of June I went to the shore, where I caught the following fish: two young ones, three spearing bass and four eel. --

I might have taken the spearing bass and eel in the first place, but I did not have time to do so. --

The Minister above has the power under Sub Section 13 of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act, to prevent spearing. --

So you must stop all spearing in future. --

And in order to put a final stop to the same, I hereby order, that from this time to come, the nets of all fishermen in Lake Ontario must be kept from 6 o'clock on every Saturday evening, until 6 o'clock A.M., on the following Monday morning. -- as per Sub Section 14 of Section 13, of the Fisheries Act.

Attest: John W. Kess

Deputy Minister

Hamilton, Ont.

June 1879.

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Deputy Minister

Hamilton, Ont.

June 1879.

### Notice to the B. Beach Fishermen. --

It being represented to me that excessive fishing is being carried on in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach; by licensed fishermen there, whereby larger quantities of white fish are being caught, than can be disposed of, by profitable sales. --

To put a final stop to such excessive waste, I hereby order, that seine hauling must be henceforth carried on, only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in each week, say up to 12 o'clock, at night, with such white fish sized seines as are specified in each fishermen's license for year 1879. Any deviation therefrom will cause the offenders license to be cancelled. --

And the catching of small white fish, even in a legal sized gear, such as mesh, extension or seine, will not be tolerated; as all small white fish must be liberated alive.

Hamilton, Ont.

21. June 1879.

By Order

John W. Kess

Deputy Minister

Note.

If fishermen cannot obey this order, to the letter, they must hang up their white fish, being altogether.

J. W. Kess D.C.

Sir,

16. May 1879. - -

I have the honor to report for your information, that on this day, I was on B. beach, in the discharge of my duty, when it was reported to me by Thomas Joyce, a Licensed fisherman there, that Captain Thomas Campbell, Light House Keeper, Burlington Canal Ferryman, and Bridge Tender, of the Sewing Bridge of the Hamilton and North West Railway, that ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> the Burlington Canal, on B. Beach, had fenced in about one acre of Government land, that he as a fisherman, has had in his possession for more than 20. years. - - -

I also found that some other persons have, (and are) fenced in other parts of the Beach, in the same locality, up as far as the Old outlet there, leaving a Public Road Allowance of only about 48 ft. instead of 66 ft. as by law established on this great thoroughfare. - - This Commences at the old outlet, and runs south towards the Residence of Thomas Joyce, fisherman. - - But it is not so much about this narrow road, and fenced in lots, - that I intend to write you about; but it is, the Fishery Reserve on the Bay side, on the West side of B. beach, North of the Canal, which I found had been just recently fenced in, at break neck speed, with the intention of, as I heard of applying for, and getting a Patent of the same, immediately before the Local Elections take place. - -

The Fishery Reserve in some places of this fencing in beach; is not one chain from the west side of the public road, or intended public road 48' feet wide, to the waters edge of the Bay, township Saltfleet, and this fence extends all along B. bay, from the old outlet, south, for about 400. yards in length. - The fence was commenced the day before yesterday, about 3. o'clock, p.m., and has been rushed forward, ever since at Railway speed. - -

Two Men, Carpenters, were working at it, when I was there to day, at 1.30, p.m., and all I could get from them was, that Mr. Frank, P. L. Surveyor, Hamilton, employed them. - - I told them, they had encroached on the Public Road, and the Fishery Reserve, by running the fences at one end into the Waters of B. bay, leaving out fisherman Joyce.

I have after met Mr. Frank, the Surveyor, with whom I am acquainted, and I certainly expected to hear the particulars of the Survey, or for whom he was making it; but he said blank.

and told me he would give me no information and to report it, to the department, if I liked. he did not care. ---

A little while ago, recently, Col; Patton, Engineer, Hamilton, in a <sup>casual</sup> conversation about the fishery on B. Beach, told me Capt. Thomas Campbell, Light House Engineer, had told him, that I, not the Fisheries department, had no jurisdiction over B. beach, on the north side of the canal, it was after this Campbell, fenced in, the acre as above referred to, and on finding matters there this day, as they are, I considered it my duty, when so much mystery is apparent, to take up the whole, the Commissioners at once, on my return to the City this evening, more especially, when I find that fishermen, long occupants are being daily crowded upon by persons, who merely get a surveyor to fence in a lot, or portion of the beach, on the waters edge of bay, including the fishery reserve and before a fisherman knows where he is, or what he is about, a Patent issues, from the Local Government, and that is the bad end of it, to the fisherman. ---

I have to apologize, for troubling you in this matter, but the protection of the fisherman and fishery reserve on B. beach, in B. bay, in this locality, held by Thomas Joyce, his father, and Brothers, under license will must be a sufficient excuse. ---

I heard Thomas Campbell, Col; Wm Patton, the Light, and a man named Smith, were some of the parties interested in this survey and fencing in of B. Beach. ---

This north part of B. beach forms no part of the property leased to the City of Hamilton by the Local Government, Toronto. ---

There is no doubt, from what I did hear, that Capt. Thomas Campbell, originated this speculation, for my own part, fisherman's existing rights & fishery reserve should be respected, and to that end, and object it is, I aim. ---

I Have &c,

John W. Kerr  
S.O.

Hon. Minister,  
H. H. H.



Sir,

23. June 1879.

I have the honor, to receive your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> June, in which you say:

"If you could substantiate charges for catching or selling fish at Brantford, during the close season, it might be well to bring a few prosecutions, or it might be well to bring a few prosecutions against the principal persons?"

In reply, I beg most respectfully to inform you, that after due enquiries made, I find no person has a desire to give evidence against the persons who offended in this respect.

Neither Henry Griffith, the Chief of Police, nor John McLean, Chief of the Fish Brigade, Brantford; would do it, nor encourage it to be done, so, I believe it is better to abandon this altogether.

I Have &amp;c,

Hon: Minister

John W Kerr  
J. O.

Sir,

23. June 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 142, for the sum of Ten dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for this current year: —

1. David Herro, Queenston — Balance on his license already received for fishing a machine and spear-  
ing in the Niagara River at Queenston balance  
is \$1.00.
2. John Laaffe, N. Beach, on acct of his  
license already received to fish in L. Ontario,  
" 7.00.
3. William Pendergast, Queenston, — For a  
license to fish 200, Hooks and lines, in the  
Niagara River, between the old Suez; Mr,  
and the Queenston Wharf for Sturgeon, —  
" This license to expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of August next? — 2.00.

Total, \$10.00

I Have &amp;c

Hon: Minister

John W Kerr  
J. O.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, for your information, that on this day, before James Cahill Esq<sup>r</sup>, J. P. Hamilton, Mrs Eliza McGlynn, wife of Dan. McGlynn, (fisherman on N. beach, Sam. Corey, John Stagle, and George Hawson the owner) were complained of, by George Jones, for fishing for, and catching white fish on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, in Lake Ontario, on N. beach, with a white fish <sup>series</sup> ~~series~~ net, having about 40 rods, by 5 yards of 3" mesh, in the contravention of the Fisheries Act? -

Dan. McGlynn was not present at the time. -

Eliza McGlynn, was fined 10, and Costs, Sam. Corey, John Stagle, and George Hawson were fined 5 each, and Costs, and the seine, ropes and boat were confiscated. -

George Jones, who brought this complaint aided by J. H. Corey, against Eliza McGlynn, &c, was one of J. H. Corey's hands, who was fined as reported in the case at J. H. Corey, Jacob Corey, George Jones, and George Thompson, on 26. of May last, and he and J. H. Corey, are giving that Eliza McGlynn, who is J. H. Corey's sister had given me the information which led to the conviction of the said J. H. Corey, and thus has as the witness Jones, expressed it, brought this complaint out of revenge, as he Jones so expressed it, at the trial. -

I may now assure you that neither Dan. McGlynn, Eliza McGlynn, John Stagle, Sam. Corey, nor George Hawson, gave me the information that led to the conviction of J. H. Corey, Jacob Corey, George Jones, and Geo. Thompson for the offences committed by them; altho' since this present trial began; John Stagle, and Sam. Corey, told me they were present on the night of 20, May last, when J. H. Corey and Ann broke the law. -

The Magistrate, James Cahill Esq<sup>r</sup> fined J. H. Corey, 10, and Costs, Jacob Corey 10, and Costs, George Jones 5, and Costs, and George Thompson 5, and Costs. -

In obedience to your order of the 4<sup>th</sup> June, addressed to me, J. H. Corey, has since paid the Police Magistrate \$26, Costs, which sum the Magistrate, and two Constables employed in the cases received. -

You saw nothing as to the disposition of the fines against J. H. Corey, 10, Jacob Corey, 10, Geo. Jones 5, George Thompson 5. - I respectfully submit this matter now to your decision. -

As regards the confiscation of Dan. McGlynn's white fish seine, as it is abroad, that only the illegal part of the seine; that is 4 yards, by 5 yards, of 3" mesh can be legally confiscated. - The balance of the seine, being of legal size, is not amenable to the fishing law; please read section 18, and sub-section 2. -

Section 18. of the Fisheries Act. -

Wm. McGoyne, the owner of the White Fish seine, was not himself complained of, by George Jones, nor by J. H. Corey, being away from home at the time hence a rumour is, that the owner of this seine, should be convicted first, and before confiscation follows;

Please read sub section 3. of Section 9. and sub section 4. of Section 17. of the Fisheries Act. - on which I give my own views and decision thereon.

This is a family squabble, and it is not going to end here, as my other report herewith will show you. -

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

Wm. McGoyne

P.S. I was much surprised, when I ascertained this 3' inch piece of seine was slipped in to

McGoyne hauling White fish seine. J. H. Corey & Co.

Let.

21. June 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information, that on today, after the trial already reported, had terminated, J. H. Corey complained to me, that last year Wm. McGoyne, made a haul and caught thousands of small young White fish in his seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario on N. beach. -

And Mrs. Eliza McGoyne, and Sam. Corey, complained that during last season, J. H. Corey, and his crew fished frequently and caught small young White fish, in his seine hauling ground in L.O., with an illegal seine. -

As about a year, has elapsed since these offences were committed and only now comes to my knowledge, when these people quarrelled with each other. - I have the honor to submit the matter for your consideration, and respectfully beg leave to ask you, if it is advisable that I should now prosecute these persons who are brother, and sister and brother-in-law, and son and nephews. -

Wm. McGoyne

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

P.S.



Dear Sir,

21. June 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that during this forenoon, I was standing near the Fish Market, at Hamilton, when I was hailed and addressed by Mr. W. L. Sanford, M. L. A.; President of the Reform Association, of Hamilton, who not being in the best of good humor, told me if I did not stop the catching of white fish, in Lake Ontario, by Burlington Beach, fishermen, he would report me. . . .

We have been manufacturing white fish for 4 or 5 days by Mr. Sanford, and now you allow them to be caught off.

In connection, with the same fishing for white fish at Niagara. that is over for this season, except in the Niagara River, - and the take was splendid there. -

The fishing for you are aware - at Burlington Beach, does not commence, until the Niagara take closes. -

This year it commenced earlier than usual. - I sent a small specimen box of the white fish caught in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, on last Tuesday to the Fisheries Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa. - that he might see them and judge for himself. . . .

John Smith, the Engraver Agent, here; spoke to me today, about so many white fish, being caught by B. Beach, fishermen and I should stop it, and I heard Henry Binkley, of Toronto whom Mr. Whitaker knows, has been picking up there about so many white fish, being caught by the fishermen on B. Beach.

For my own part, I believe the demand is more than the supply so far; however as the <sup>large</sup> take of white fish, has attracted the attention of the "personages", I have above named; I have to recommend you to see, that the fishermen on B. Beach, be only permitted to haul on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays of each week; and that no other seine hauling be permitted during the week on any amount whatever. . . .

The fishermen are doing well, their outlay is great, and so people it does appear, begin to covet them, I however, take a broader, and wider view of this matter than either Mr. Sanford, Smith or Binkley, or any other man, and can now prove, that the Breeding of white fish, in the Government New Castle, Fish Breeding Establishment, got up by Mr. Whitaker, and placed under the vigilant superintendence of Mr. Saml. Wilson, has now become a great and magnificent success. - Without my saying any more, the large hauls of white fish

It appears in Mr Saml. Wilcocks' annual report, dated 31. of December 1876. — that he had up to that date, deposited 1.750.000, white fish fry in L. Ontario. — Well, from my own imperfect observations, and previous reports, if I said there was now 100.000,000, of young white fish in my division of Lake Ontario, at this present time grow= ing to maturity, I would I believe be still under the mark. —

This great success, owes nothing to the trials, above referred to, and where there is so many white fish, a fair proportion may be legally caught, without waste for public consumption, and so prove what has been accomplished. —

Shall I confine the Seine hauling, to three days only in each week, and let it continue on, or stop it altogether at the end of June, to commence again the 1<sup>st</sup> of August next, when the fish will have all disappeared until next season. - So far the fishermen on B. Bch this season are observing the law, if I may except those persons, who have been fined, as already reported to you. -

please answer this report at once. —

(I) Name Hc.

Non-chemists.

Wm. H. Kent

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My dear Sir,

23. June 1879:

Your letter was duly received  
I will endeavour to get down about the latter  
end of this week, and attend to Mr Stewart.  
You have not stated to me what kind of  
fish he speared. -

Y. H. S.

John W. Sars

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Innovation

Mr. [unclear]

21. June 1879.

I have the honor to report, that the kinds of hives, about 4 inches long, have been driven up, L. Ontario, floating on the water and blasted up, during the early part of this week. -

These fish have evidently been caught, on a piece down East, and being thrown back again too late to recover and live, have been driven up the Lake by a storm, when they appeared floating about, as I now report to you, I saw them myself. -

There is no sense being fished in my division small enough to catch such small fish; perhaps Belleville might be a good place for you to write and enquire about them. - -

They evidently came up the Lake from some place in the East.

Yours faithfully,  
John W. [unclear]

I have the honor to  
John W. [unclear]  
[unclear]

My dear Mr. [unclear]

23. June 1879. -

I am in receipt of your letter, I have no power to permit your brother-in-law Jas. Stewart, to speak on your ground. - - When I wrote that long letter to you, on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, I explained everything, that I thought you should know, and I will not now go back on any thing therein. - -

I had a letter today, from Wm. D. [unclear], concerning your brother-in-law Joe Spearing. - I received a telegraph from you this evening telling me to come down at once; what is it you want with me, you must say what it is Joe, before I come, in any case I cannot come before the latter end of the week. -

Please tell your father, that I have applied for a license for Wm. Rindergass, to fish 200 hooks and lines between Sec. 100; and the Queenston Wharf. But this license will not disturb your father from fishing 200 more hooks & in the same place under his license. - - But this I must tell you, that in future any ground not fished on during 6 months, for which a license is granted, will be taken away from the party obtaining a license for same. - - The license cannot be at once given to some other person who may apply or require it, for immediate use. - - I have said this to your father. -

Yours faithfully,  
John W. [unclear]  
[unclear]

John W. [unclear]  
[unclear]



Sir,

24. June 1879. —

I have the honor to report for your information and decision, that John Alford, a Licensee, on the Niagara River, town of Niagara; complains that persons anchor on his seine hauling ground, and angle for Starling, and other kinds of fish, and prevents him from "Seine hauling" —

According to the following marginal Note in the license thus: Note. — Nothing in this License will be held to prevent angling or trolling within the limits described; the same being accepted subject to such privileges? Angling and trolling can be carried on, and there appears to be no qualification in behalf of the Licensee, as against anglers. &c. —

I believe under Section 13, the Occupant can remove boats anchored within the licensed limits of his seine hauling ground, as they disturb and injure his fishing there, by preventing him from seine hauling; the Licensee who pays a license fee, should certainly have a prior claim, as against anglers, &c. who pay nothing; and who <sup>can</sup> take possession of his fishery, by anchoring on it, and thereby obstructing him in his fishing. I have given you my decision immediately.

Note, Herring, Mass, and perch, are just as numerous at Niagara, this season, almost as the white fish are.

Saturday, 28. June 1879. —

At Sus: Bridge, Queenston, and Niagara attended before Mr. Stille, Police Magistrate, and gave my evidence in the case of Joseph Gabriel Jr. against David Wilkes — for fishing on his licensed spearing ground, went out at 8. a. m. came in at Niagara at 6. p. m. miles about 60. Pay fare of 2.75 of 14 & B. 1.00, dinner tea and bed 75¢.

Sunday 29. June 1879.

At Niagara and Queenston, found all regular, only saw one boat fishing near Thompsons point, but they cleared off to the American side of the Niagara River, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 2. p. m. miles about 15. 14 & B. 1.25. Breakfast dinner tea and bed 1.00. —



Sir,

2. July 1879. -

I have the honor to apply to you for  
blank to make a copy of my gratuity diary, and incidental  
accs. to. -

Will you be pleased to let me have the same  
by return mail.

I have the honor to be,

Yours Minister,

J. H. Kerr,  
O. O. -

2. July 1879. -

I wrote to

John Stand, Grimsby, -  
Thos. Elliott, Niagara. -  
J. Quinlan, Toronto. -

and  
see Mr. Gray - Toronto. -

Sir,

2. July 1879. -

I have the honor to report, that Ad  
Deros, a licensed fisherman at Quincodon, on the  
Niagara River, was fined five dollars, and 11.10,  
or 30 days in jail, by A. W. Stille, Esq. Police  
Magistrate, Chippewa, on Monday last, 30. June last;  
for fishing within the licensed limits of Joseph  
Gabriel, Jr. which is in the Niagara River, at  
Quincodon, and is known as fishing station  
No. 19.

I attended the trial, on Saturday and  
Monday last.

I have the honor to be,

Yours Minister,  
J. H. Kerr,  
O. O. -

J. H. Kerr,  
O. O. -



Sir,

2. July 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I can now have the same confirmed on the authority of reliable persons, that when you feed and fry a pair of small minnows, and fry... Several white fish, have been caught, by persons angling for Starling, in the Starling, and Lake, stocked with the minnow, during the season, in the Niagara River, near the American Port, opposite the Town of Niagara...

also several hundred white fish, which opened and cleaned, between 24 of May, and the 10 of June... by Mr. Thomas Elliot, fisherman, and that were caught by him this season, with a seine, in the Niagara River, near the Old Port, Town of Niagara, were found with their stomachs filled with small minnows, &c. and in several cases part of this small fry, were digested...

By this discovery it is now established beyond a doubt, that small shad fish, shrimps, and lake vegetables, is not the only food for the white fish... I give you these discoveries without further comment.

Yours, Sir,

Wm. H. H.

Saturday, 5, July 1879.

at Mount Pleasant, Welland Junction, Port Colborne, Ridgeway, Port Abino, and Port Erie - in compliance with an application made by Mr. Thomas Kane, for a License to fish to several lots, in Lake Erie, between Point Abino and Shickles Point, the same being in the Township of Bertie, and Hamberstone, went out at 8 a.m., came in at 12, paid night, \$1.00, My fare 2.95, Horse and Buggy 2.00, dinner 35¢, tea 35¢, bed 25¢, 95.90¢

Sunday, 6, July 1879.

at Port Erie, Clifton and Hamilton, went out at 8 a.m., came in at 4.50 p.m., My fare 68¢, My fare 1.20, Breakfast 25¢, dinner 50¢, My Buggy 50¢, 2.50

Sir,

1879.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, herewith; account and diary of my actual disbursements for travel, and petty expenses incurred while on active duty, during the quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, amounting to. \$121.28.

Add. - John W. Kerr, Telegraphs, Voucher, 1, -	2.86.-
" do. - Express Charges, " - 2, -	4.00.-
" do. - Postages, " - 3, -	1.40.
" do. - Stationery, &c. " - 4, -	2.50.
" do. - Office Rent, " - 5, -	5.00.
" C. J. Kerr - Bookman, - " - 6, -	15.00.
" John W. Kerr, For Constables, " - 7, -	11.50
Total, \$164.14.	

I beg most respectfully to state for your information, that I travelled a distance of 1,839 miles in the active discharge of my duties, for which charges are made, and the same was in every way absolutely necessary.

Hon: Minister

I have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr

J. W.

July 8<sup>th</sup> postages 50<sup>¢</sup> stamps

Mailed on 9. July 1879 -

Notices of Close Season.	Thomas Elliot
Do. David Tyson.	James Wynne.
" Rich. Gilbert.	John Stand.
" W. B. Woodard.	David Ward.
" Wm. Englewood.	R. Gray.
" Thos. Mansfield.	Francis Stewine.
" Abm. H. Goble.	Geo. Cartwell.
and Mr. Charlotte's	Francis Reid.

Sent Jas. Cartwell }  
 " Wm. Pendergast }  
 " David Tyson }  
 } Thos. License.

NIAGARA FISHERY.—The catch in the Niagara river is better this year than it has been for the past fifteen years, the result, no doubt, of the operation of the Fishery Act. This market is now being supplied regularly from Niagara with some of the most delicious lake fish.

8 July 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The quarters ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1879, amount to \$55.83.

John W. Kerr, Express Charges, No. 1.	7.40,
do, Postage, -	2.11,
do, Stationery, &c.	1.34,
do, Telegraphs, -	1.01,
do, Office Rent, -	5.00,
do, Sundries, &c.	20.90,
Kerr, As Boatman, &c.	1.10,
	\$100.96

I beg leave to add in conclusion, that I have been very busy during the quarter 992, with my active duties. No changes are made, and the same was the case with the active performance of my duties. -

Yours, Minister

John W. Kerr  
D.O.

Sir,

9. July 1879. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No. 182, for the sum of Ten dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for a boat license for this current year, which has been already received, and delivered to Mr W. B. Woodland, of Leslieville, for to fish white fish and Salmon &c. &c. in Lake Ontario.

Yours, Minister

I have &c.  
John W. Kerr  
D.O.

9. July 1879. Mailed Wm. B. Woodland, and for  
Cautwell, their license -

Wrote James Wynne, C. O. L. Kingston D.O.

A new fish, which is like a "shad of the herring species," has been observed during the last two years in the waters of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence. Shoals of them are said to have appeared at Chippewa Bay. They are good articles of food, and from six to eight inches long. In some parts of the river, on the Canadian side, according to the Ogdensburg Journal, they were taken out by the barrel. They are also found in quantities in winter when a hole is cut in the ice. The appearance of this fish in such numbers and in such a place is strange, but possibly some of our naturalists will be able to account for the fact.



9. July 1879. -

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a petition from Mr. Thomas Rainey of Port Erie, Township of Bronte, in the County of Welland; praying for the privilege of fishing two pound nets in Lake Erie, between Port Erie and Shesler's point, which is situated in the townships of Bronte and Stumbersstone, and County of Welland. - -

Between the given points, I consider the distance is about three miles. - -

I have much pleasure in recommending that the same may be at once granted, and that you will be pleased to issue a license for the balance of this season, at the price of sixty dollars, that is \$30. for each pound. - - -

Mr. Thomas Rainey, is father to Mr. John W. Rainey, at present of Ridgeway; who has a license to fish four pounds, in Lake Erie, between Port Erie and Wood Mill point. - -

I have been recently on the ground, and I believe the place is well adapted for pound net fishing. - All of which is respectfully submitted. - -

Yours Minister,

Chas. H.

John W. Sear  
Do

Thursday. 10. July 1879. -

at Bronte, got to see Mr. Wm. H. Pollock.

Fishing Quenser - found every thing (O.K.) all right, instructed him in his duty &c. and enlightened him, on everything he wished to know, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. miles 40. My fare 65 c. dinner 25 c. Stage 35 c. Street Railway 10 c. -

tot. \$1.35

My dear Harry. —

I will thank you, to stop all persons you may find angling on your fishing grounds on Sundays, at Thompson's point. Niagara River. —

As a friend, and brother, a good subject, a fisherman and a Christian, please do this next Sunday, and oblige.

Yrs. Sincerely

John W. Kerr, H. C. C. C.

Hamilton.

9. July 1879.

Mr Harry Sheppard,  
Queenston,

My dear Sir, —

I will thank you to stop all persons angling on your fishing grounds at the Big Rock on Sundays. — It is your duty as a good subject and fisherman. — Be pleased to do this next Sunday, and oblige.

Yrs. Truly

John W. Kerr

H. C. C. C., Hamilton

9. July 1879.

Mr Jos. Gabriel Sr  
Queenston,

also wrote a long letter to Joe Gabriel Jr in which I enclosed his fathers, J. W. Kerr's  
also a letter to Harry Sheppard.

John W. Kerr

Monday, 14. July 1879. —

At Minona, to see Paddy Stand, and enquire how the matter fishing for Salmon Trout, and White fish was getting on, (he) Paddy told me he was doing pretty well, caught 415 worth of fish during last week. Went out at 4. a.m. Came in at 10.30. a.m. Miles 30. \$4 & 13. 1.50. Breakfast, 25¢ — — — — — 20. 1.75 +

Wednesday, 16. July 1879. —

On B. Beach, found all night, heard however that G. H. Corey, Dan McFoyne and Jack Laffa had been hauled on Tuesday night, — i. Kerr.

Went out at 8.50. Came in at 4. p.m. Miles 26. \$4 & 13. 1.50. — — — — — 20. 1.75 +

Sir,

21. July 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information, that having received information that Peter Bath, licensed fisherman at Port Walhouse, on Lake Ontario, had been fishing and catching small white fish with a three inch mesh - "herring gill net," extension measure. - I left the Town of Niagara on Saturday morning last, at 3.50, o'clock, A.M., and got to Port Walhouse, before Peter Bath, and his son-in-law, had got in after fishing up. - -

About 6 o'clock, A.M., Peter Bath, and his son-in-law James Williams, arrived off the Lake, at the landing place, he had 14, small white fish, and 16, blue back Star-ring and post fish. -

I read over to him, "for the second time," your instructions, dated 18. of December 1878, as to the consequences, which are sure to result, if he caught any more small white fish; and more particularly so, as he knows the fishery law, and all about it, -

I may mention for your information, that he is the only fisherman, at present fishing herring gill nets in my division. - -

I have given him, warning number One -

On my arrival at St Catharines, I met two fish dealers there, who informed me, that Peter Bath, had been supplying the Stephenson House, and the Spring Bank, Hotel, St Catharines, with young small white fish, he had caught in herring gill nets as above reported. -

I shall have to fine him, and his son-in-law James Williams, if they repeat it, after the warnings I have now given them. -

I Have &c.

Yours sincerely,

John W Kerr  
S.O.



My dear Sir,

15 July 1879,

In reply to your father's letter to me, re the Stour. The Committee of the Stour. I have recommended that a license be issued to you, at once, say at the rate of £50, for each pound, £50, for the two pounds of fish (2) two pound nets, single pots, & heads in Lake, etc. in Stour, and I think that is the balance of this year 1879.

I may here state for your information, that on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, in submitting the same to the Stour. the Committee, I recommended that a license be issued to you, at once, say at the rate of £50, for each pound, £50, for the two pounds of fish (2) two pound nets, single pots, & heads in Lake, etc. in Stour, and I think that is the balance of this year 1879.

This afternoon I received an answer to my letter, this is: "In answer to your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> instant you will please find herewith a license in the name of Thomas 'Randy' for the privilege of using two pound nets, with a single head or pot each, which please to sign, and deliver on payment of the license fee."

So please send me on receipt, £50, and I will at once return you your license.

I have not yet heard anything about the political position. I think I shall write you about it.

Please tell him, if it ever comes before me of a copy of it, I shall say my mind to the Stour. department.

I don't suppose it is necessary yet, for me to say anything more, until after you get your license and become a fisherman, and advise me.

Yours faithfully,

Respectfully,

John Lubbock

Stour.

Friday, 18. July 1879.

At 8 Bridge, Quenston and Niagara, made enquiries at Quenston, the date when Advance Lands, and fish-eries were separated and the latter had been transferred to the Crown Lands Fisheries Branch. See my report dated 21. of July, got a plan from James Wyma, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. still 60. By fare 2.25, Horse & Buggy £3 dinner 50¢ tea and red 50¢.

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Saturday, 19. July 1879.

At Niagara, Mr. Walhouse caught Peter Rath and his son in law, having 12 young white fish in their possession. Caught in a 3' mesh gill net under them as to the consequences.

the Commissioner's letter to Pete and Son in law,  
thence to St. Catharines and Hamilton.

Went out at 3.50, a.m., came in at 2. p.m.,  
Horse & B - 1.50, Breakfast for two 75¢  
By fare, charged day ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> - Miles 40.  
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"Confidential."

My dear Sir,

Your card is received, I am extremely  
obliged to you for the valuable information it contains. --

I will endeavour to come on next Thursday morning,  
and in the mean time, I will thank you to keep a vigilant,  
and close watch on Pete, so that when I do come down,  
I will be in a position to wind him up altogether. --

I will come direct to your place, and will endeavour  
to be on hand, when he arrives with his supply for the  
Stephenson House, and the Spring Banks Hotel, so that  
I can find the small white fish myself in his pos-  
session again. --

Don't say a word to any person, lest they may,  
put him on his guard; I know exactly where he fished  
up, on last Saturday morning, when he only run the  
gill nets once, He told me he had 1,100 yards out.

Believe me, Yours sincerely

Mr James Stephenson  
Fish dealer,  
St. Catharines, Ont.

John D. Kerr Esq  
21. July 1879,

P.S. please ascertain, if he sold white fish  
to Barner to-day, and how many pounds. --

J. D. Kerr,  
D.O.

July 23, 1879.

Received.

By Cash to Mrs. Kerr,	30	
" do, J. Kerr,	10	
" do, C. J. Kerr,	15	
" do, E. L. De B. Kerr,	15	
" do, Henry Moss,	5	Some
" do, S. S. Curtiss,	5	
" do, Brierly,	1.50	

172,

80.50

91.50

Cash on Hand 5 x 10 = 50

do do 7 x 5 = 35

do do 4 x 1 = 4

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My dear Sir, -

I heard when in Niagara last Friday evening, that you set out your white fish gill nets in the Canadian waters of Lake Ontario, but that you caught nothing; The law is against you: It is fishing without a license is prohibited? I say so too.

I don't want you, or any fisherman in Niagara, to take out a boat license, but you must not set your gill nets any more, unless you have a license. -

As soon as the small white fish, go away, beyond the reach of being caught with a small net, or in a fisher's gill net, why then, I will apply, and get you, or any other fisherman, a Boat License to fish in Canadian waters; But there is nothing to justify me in allowing you, or any fisherman in Niagara, to fish in Dominion waters of the Province of Ontario, without a license; and I have no desire to give any fisherman, nor take a penny from him, so don't let again, except under license. -

I like to see fishermen catch abundance of fish, provided they are legally caught. -

On last Saturday morning, at Port Walpole, I caught Robt. Keith, with his son in law, where they landed; and they had small white fish in their possession, that were caught in a 3" mesh fishing gill net.

I don't know yet, what punishment the Law may inflict on drift nets, - - But don't you think it far better, for to stop fishing altogether such gill nets, and so avoid catching small white fish. - I was told also, on Friday last, when at Niagara, that fishermen went out on Sunday nights, and set in American waters: - but fishermen is opposed to fishermen doing this; as no fisherman in Niagara, must for a moment think, that this is just; because I got information to let John Botton off, when I caught him, fishing on Sunday, on the 4th of May, at 5 p.m. to 1 o'clock, a.m., people should not cry out, Botton, but hear, when nothing of the kind happened. -

The Sabbath observance is a good thing, says you shall go out to fish. so go out to fish in a boat, if you do so, even if you don't catch the fish. -

And now my friends, having given you so much information, please read it over to the other Niagara fishermen, and I hope you will be all obedient to the laws of God and man, and believe me, Mds.

Yours, all artists  
John Keith,  
Niagara.

John B. Ross, D.D.  
21. July 1879.



Copy.

Notice to the Newington Beach Fishermen.

It being represented to me, that excessive fishing is being carried on in Lake Ontario, N. Beach, by fishermen there, with large quantities of white fish, which might be improved by fishing.

To put a final stop to such wanton waste, I hereby order, that fishing must be hereafter carried on only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in each week, from 12 o'clock at night, with such white fish size limits as are specified in the Fisheries Season License for the year 1879; Any deviation therefrom will cause the offenders license to be cancelled. — And the catching of small white fish, even in a legal sized gill net, such mesh extension measure will not be tolerated, as all small white fish must be liberated alive.

Hamilton, Ont.

21<sup>st</sup> June 1879.

John W. Kerr, Fishery Officer,

Note! If fishermen cannot obey this order, to the letter, they must hang up their white fish license altogether.

J. W. Kerr, F.O.

Keweenaw Is. —

With reference to this order, which has been violently broken, by Messrs. Ben. Folds, and John Laafe and crew, it only remains with me to do my duty.

The privilege in the license given by me to fish a white fish in Lake Ontario, by Messrs. Ben. Folds and John Laafe, is now cancelled for the balance of this year 1879.

Hamilton, Ont.

John W. Kerr

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1879.

F.O.



24. July 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the application of Mr Leopold Bauer, and Mr McMeekin, of the City of Hamilton, Owners of the pleasure Steamer Eclipse, which was handed to me by Thomas Robertson Esq<sup>r</sup> one of the M. B. for the City, with the request that I would forward to you the same.

Before doing so, I called on Mr Bauer; it appears that owing to the wooden work of one of the piers of the B. Canal, on B. Beach, being burned there recently, by Sparks, from a steamer, it is likely pleasure Steamers will be soon prevented from lying up at the Canal piers of the B. Canal, when merely running from this City to the Beach on pleasure trips. --

The object then, is to have a wharf of their own; away from the Canal, where they can land at all times, without being hindered, or being under dread of committing damage to the Government property, the wooden piers of the Canal. --

I understood from Mr Robertson, that he called at the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, a short time ago, and he has since told me, that there would be no objection, provided it did not interfere with the Fisheries. --

For a pier to be constructed, where the application is made for, say some 1,500 feet, south of the B. Canal, on fishing station No: 3, in B. bay, and the fishing reserve of one chain on B. beach; will not in my opinion damage the little fishing, that is only carried on there now, for rough fish, for a short time, during every spring; - please refer to the plan of B. Beach, in your office, showing fishing reserve on this station. --

The amount offered by Mr Bauer, annually is \$10. a year, is twice as much, as is paid for seine fishing on this ground at present. - And again fishing can be still carried on, if permitted by the department on this seine hauling ground in B. bay, and be all over every spring, before Mr Bauer, and Mr McMeekin, will require to use it, for their own, and more legitimate purposes. --

Mr Bauer stated to me, he would like to get from the department, a seine year, or a 21, years,

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Sir,

28. July 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your information, and consideration, the copy of an order, I have just recently issued, for the guidance and observance of the N. Beach fishermen, L.O., and which I hope will now meet your approbation. —

I have been compelled to be strict, and up to the letter, in this matter, owing to the reckless conduct of some fishermen; who, after I have examined seines and gill nets, and passed them, immediately, as I have reason to believe, have substituted illegal meshes, for legal meshes in white fish seines, less than 4 inches extension measure, altho' the licenses specify they shall not be less. —

I have after much perseverance, succeeded, as I believe I have succeeded in having the Herring, and Cisco gill nets, fixed in size at nothing less than 2½ inches extension measure; or as it is known amongst the fishermen fraternity, "such and a quarter mesh." — And such being the case, I have come to the conclusion, that Herring seines, should have no meshes in them, under a similar size. — And which I hope will also meet your sanction, and approval. —

White fish, I feel pride in telling you, have become so very numerous this season in my division of L.O., and the Herring, and the Cisco, on N. Beach, not being so numerous, as in past seasons, besides more men and material are employed in the business, catching Herring and Ciscos; that I have long deemed it necessary to have fixed size standard nets for catching Herring and Ciscos, the same being approved of by you. —

It is besides absolutely necessary, that the N. Beach fishermen, should be compelled by you, to do this, so that they may still occupy a prominent position in the market, by adopting their Herring gill nets to such size, as will enable them to catch only large herring. Gill rows Herring and Ciscos of a remunerating value; and so be able to compete with the pound net caught Herring of L. Beach, which have been sold this season at 1/4 per Bushel. —

I hope my agent reason, will in the matter, meet your approbation.

and with these I expect,

Yours faithfully,

I have

John W. Lewis  
D.C.

sent receipt, for off 172.314 to the department  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 1879.

Sunday, 27, July 1879.

At the Bridge, Queenston and Niagara, saw Henry Chapman,  
journalist and regular. -- Thomas B. Rice, Civil Engineer, was with me  
went out at 10. A.M. came in at 6. P.M. miles 60. By fare  
1.25. 44 B. + 2. or 1.50, -- dinner 50, tea and bed 50¢.  
paid for J.B. Rice 1.25, dinner to him 50¢. + 1.00. -- gave C. F. L. a 4. --  
from the City of Toronto to Niagara, landed at the Hotel.

Monday, 28, July 1879. --

At Niagara, Queenston, S. Bridge, and Hamilton. J.B. R.  
has Elliot and Alex. Keith, and his son, and myself up at  
4. A.M. laid off the place in Block A, on Colliery road  
and Rykert's plots, for small fish breeding lot at Hamilton.  
It is 4.90. long, and 3 chains wide. -- saw lakes in the  
plots -- and the spring, including the Old Red Massack,  
went to Queenston, S. Bridge and Hamilton, came in  
at 2.50. P.M. miles 60, by fare 1.50, breakfast 25¢.  
for J.B. R. 1.50, and breakfast 25¢, gave young Keith 25¢.  
paid W. Harker's 7.00. } paid J. Elliot 2.50.  
him. -- paid for fuel 1.00.

Panificious is hereby given by me to land: for land  
slips 3. Daniel Supt. J. F. R. Landholder, for  
to Angle, 3000, and land given with Hook and Rie in the  
waters of N. Bay, as set forth in the Notice, say  
up to 1st day of September next. --

Of which all good men have rights with the  
take, Notice. --

Hamilton, Ont.,

24. July 1879. --

My Obedt.

H. W. L.

J. B. Hamilton.



B. i. )

21, July 1879. -

I have the honor to report, in answer to my previous report to you, dated 21<sup>st</sup> day of June last, as to the complaint made against the fishing net, owned by George Jones, and Fred, K. Corey; the fishing net, but not the fishing boat, with a seine, having a piece of net, four yards, by four yards in the center, the same being three inch mesh extension measure, instead of four inch mesh extension measure, and the conviction of the fishermen.

In the case, the James Cahill, the Police Magistrate, here, upon the sworn complaint made to him, by George Jones, of a fishing net, and a fishing boat; all of which, white fish seine, ropes and boat. -

James Cahill, Jr. the Constable who made the seizure, retained them in his possession, by order of the Magistrate, awaiting your decision. -

Last Tuesday evening, at about 7.30. p.m. the stable in this city in which the seine and ropes (partly rotted) were stored, was burned, and the seine was partly destroyed, and damaged with fire and water, and not being properly dried after the seizure was made. -

It is now become rotten in places. - The fishing department, is in no way responsible, the seine, ropes, and boat seized, having never come into my possession at all, at any time. -

I understood from Mr. Cahill, the Magistrate some time ago, after the trial had taken place, that he had submitted the cases, with copy of the evidence for your consideration, and decision. - Mrs. Eliza McGurne, Saml. Corey, John Stangel and George Dawson, have appealed against the Magistrate's conviction in each case. -

Mr. Charles A. Satter, their Solicitor, told me before the seine was burned, they would pay the fine, if the seine, ropes and boat were restored, and they could escape by paying no costs. - The seine, when the seizure was made, would be worth about \$200, including the ropes. -

I consider it my duty to give you the foregoing particulars, and I may add that since the burning and injury to the seine, I have examined the same, and I find it has been badly burned and injured.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. H. S.

J. O.

Hon: Mr. Minister

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Dear Sir,

29 July 1879. -

I have the honor to attach a postal note that I have  
 closed on last Saturday, from the Town of Niagara, in con-  
 sequence of which, I took a train from there on last Sunday.

Upon enquiries I made there I was told that Messrs. Albert &  
 Charles B. M., had caught about 600 white fish last Friday  
 in American Waters L. O., with a 3" mesh netting, and  
 on I landed them in Niagara. - -

And Joseph Masters and John Keith caught about  
 200, white fish, with a similar gill net, and landed them,  
 also in Niagara, on 25. instant. - -

Those fish, they sold to Edward Peterson and  
 Ry. Wooley, Fish dealers. - -

Please refer to my letters to you dated 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
 March, and the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1879, on small white  
 fish caught in American Waters, Lake Ontario, near the  
 Town of Niagara. - -

I may here state for your information, that I called  
 the Niagara Gill net fishermen together at Niagara,  
 on yesterday morning, and they have just fully pro-  
 mised me, that they will not set again in American  
 Waters, Lake Ontario where they would be likely to catch  
 all white fish, with 3" mesh netting, as  
 so this is the position in which I must leave this  
 case; subject of course to your wisdom, and more able  
 decision. - -

The men are poor, and will not fishing for white  
 fish, with a 3" mesh net, as they have been  
 a failure in American Waters, near the Town of  
 Niagara, this season. - -

And with due respect,

I Have &c.  
 John W. Ken-  
 T.O.

Yours faithfully,

Sir,

29. July 1879.

After giving the matter a great deal and due consideration, I have come to the final conclusion in submitting my own views for your perusal, and adjudication. Besides I have been requested to make the application.

From the various reports I have received from the fishery, the white fish have increased at an amazing rate in my division of Lake Ontario.

It is not in 2 of inches of ~~length~~ g. of the fish is not, but now we get a white fish that have meshes of at least six inches extension measure? -- And gill nets shall not be set within 2 miles of any line landing ground? -- The white fish as you will find by my previous reports, have greatly increased during the past 3 years, and are now counted at millions in number, but still they are not yet become large enough in size for to be caught or taken in a common mesh gill net extension measure.

I have therefore come to the conclusion to recommend a change in the fish gill nets, which I have now in my power as an authority to grant so that our fishery will be as well as our line hauling fishery. I have to thank you from the wisdom of the Fisheries Department at Ottawa in procuring, and protecting white fish until they have become so great in numbers as to be beyond counting.

I beg most respectfully to recommend that white fish gill nets shall have a mesh of at least six inches extension.

I hope I will be excused in deviating from the law as above by not saying the whole of the Commission, if he will be pleased to have my application granted, by the Fisheries Department, as a very reasonable and proper extension of the fishery.

It may at first sight may appear an innovation on my part but when in reality will be great boon granted to gill net fishermen besides it will not damage the fishery by the change.



his,

29. July 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a permit to use, to fish, in Lake Ontario, between the four points, and the low water mark, townships of Niagara and Hamilton. —

Fishing and pickering gill nets must not be fished on the grounds or places frequented by small white fish, the young of the same, and the young of the same, and the same. —

The list of names for the same is as follows. —

1. James Cantwell, of Niagara,
2. Charles W. Alfred Mack, do.
3. Joseph W. Alfred Mack, do.
4. Robert John William Niagara.
5. John Boston do.
6. Charles Boston, do.

Being to the innumerable quantities of small white fish with which my division of Lake Ontario between Niagara and Whitley Harbour, abounds this year I have in the town decided this season, to recommend that no more fishing be done in the Niagara fishery. —

I think I am safe now in recommending that you will be pleased to permit the same to the above named, as I am considering the young white fish will have much more, and fishing and pickering gill nets, shall not be set in the places, where they are sure to be caught. —

Yours faithfully

I have to

Yours truly  
J. A.

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sure to be caught in a small white fish. Some will not more than mesh in a small white fish gill net. and will be reported.

Yours faithfully

I have to  
Yours truly

5 Aug 79

Stationery 50¢

P. Stamps 25¢

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1879.

At Port Credit, Blackens Corners, and Hamilton; I saw Jas. J. Wilcox - and young Reid, did not see Francis Reid, nor Charlotte Reid. - Young Reid told me, they had caught 2 small Salmon, in their white fish seine, and liberated them, again. - Arrived at Port Credit, the other up at the old seine hauling ground. Paid Stoney \$1.50 for damage done to his buggy. - R'y fare 1.80, dinner 25¢, miles 68. - found everything all right. - - - - - Invoice 41.

Saturday, 4, August 1879. -

At Winona, found all right. Paddy (Land) lifted and he caught 10 fish. 16 S. & out, and 1 white fish, heard that Dick Laaffe was fishing a four inch mesh white fish gill net - got 7 fish from Paddy. went out at 4.30, a.m. came in at 10.30, a.m. - Miles 36. - C.R.B. - 1.50, Breakfast 50¢

Sunday, - 7<sup>th</sup> August 1879. -

Wrote Jim Wilcox - about dead fish floating about  
" John Knudsen, Lake Ontario, and to enquire if they  
" Thos. Elliot heard, where they came from. -  
- - - - - I'll have D.A.

Monday, 5, August 1879. -

On B Beam and as far up as the canal saw at same time that Ben Folds was to fish 45, better gill nets, - next fall for biscuits, - and that Ben and Jack Laaffes white fish gill nets were under bridge, - went out at 8.50, a.m. came in at 3 p.m. - Miles 26, - H.R. 1.50 R. Rev.

Tuesday, 9, August 1879. -

Richard Laaffe sent by his wife a Box of white fish to P. H. Bates - dealer - Hamilton. - - -

Bates, immediately drew my attention to the fish, and I went and saw Mr. Laaffe, and told her I would not seize the fish this time, but would do it if he ever caught such fish again in a Herring gill net, Bates bought the fish. -

This all happened in the Hamilton market. -

Sir,

2, August 1879.

I have the honor to receive your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> of July last, in reply to my communication of 28<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, regarding a regulation issued order, respecting fishing for Salmon, &c, in my division, &c, &c.

In reply, I have the honor to explain to you, that I only issued one written copy of the same to the B. Beach Fishermen above; just similar to the Copy, I, at the same time submitted for your approval. - -

I am aware that fishing regulations can be only made upon your recommendation, by the Governor General in Council. -

I have not in this case, and I am not aware that I have in any instance overlooked repeated instructions from the department forbidding me to issue any printed Notice, without previously submitting it, for your approval. - -

I have issued no printed regulations in this instance nor in any case except printed Notices which I have received from time to time from the department with the Commissioners Name thereto. - - I cannot say, but I take a lively interest still in the Fisheries. -

I hope this explanation will be satisfactory. I have under your instructions from the department a game and again inserted nots in the notices I issued that gill nets, shall not be used under such a size mesh. - I, obey your Orders, as I am bound to do. - -

As you are aware, there is no regulation size mesh, for Stirling and his gill nets, nor for Stirling's sons, every fisherman being as it were, almost invariably left to his own option in this respect; I thought it was advisable to try, and do something in this matter, always bearing in mind, that without your Authority, and the Law, &c, &c, my labor is in vain. - - Hence I submitted to you one copy, for approval, giving the other copy to the B. Beach fishermen: such being the facts in this case. -

I have &amp;c,

John W. Hall

F. W. W. W.

The Hon:

the Minister,

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7, August 1899.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 263,  
for the same of eight dollars.

... please to apply this amount for the current year as follows;

1. Thomas as Thomas, Parkville - For boat license to  
use 1200 yds. of buoys and Grant gill nets of legal  
size mesh, in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township  
of Niagara, the nearest to the shoreline of this sea-  
lane is, (said license) \$5.00.

2, Richard Caffer, B. Beach, on acct of  
Rent House, ready, received, 3.00

John E. O'Neil

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7. August 1879...

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt & in-  
form the formation of the 1st; and in which  
as the only person left to the 1st; of June last; and  
of which to be regarding the actual amount of the  
debt and have been paying for some time past; in the  
work of the same.

The point of the Article is evidently down on the  
bodies of Buffalo, N. B., - Toronto and Hamilton, as the cause  
of the Calamity. It is down as the Great Falls of Niagara,  
altogether and where millions of Myriads killed last  
year, in being taken down over the <sup>same</sup> Falls by the Cat her  
of down on the N. B. - down on the N. B. - down on the N. B. -

The fish are sometimes caught alive, by the fishermen in the K. Nets, and are in that Nets after they come over the gills, but they are so much bruised, injured, and so far, as to become unfit for food, and they never ultimately recover the shock, and die in a few days.

As I feel seen by the Spectator's Correspondent  
(April 5) I feel satisfied and not come on the Ball.



Sunday 17. of August 1879.

Observed a Boat out in front of fishing stations, occasionally of stations No: 7. and 8. - say from about 10. a.m. until 1.30. p.m. - Lake Ontario. -

Monday 18. August 1879. -

On N. beach, ascertained that Alex: Rollo, and his son ~~Wm~~ Rollo, had gone out after the storm of Friday night, Saturday, and Saturday night in L. Ontario to take up their white fish gill nets. - met Bill Rollo, who is a very saucy boy - and he told me his father and him, went out and took up the nets. - they were badly damaged by the storm, and expecting another storm, they went out, and lifted the nets, they only caught 3. fish, but a large lot of weeds. -

I warned him, as to the consequences, if he ever repeated the offence again; - He replied, he supposed they could do nothing without my liberty. -

I told him to tell his father, I wished to see him; he replied where! I answered at my own place. -

Tuesday 19. August 1879. -

On N. Beach, saw J. Corey, who informed me Fred: Corey, challenged him - the day before, for telling J.W. Kern me, he had caught 4 b. small white fish with a Herring seine, in L.O. and for which he was fined.

Saw Alex: Rollo, and spoke to him about fishing up on Sunday last, and for setting his gill nets within (2) miles of a seining ground; Alex: is French and pretended ignorance; - I told him the danger, that I saw the Boat out myself, and up to the time and the place where and when it came in - that had I come down then, I would have had to take the Boat and Nets, and I warned him not to repeat the offence. - Alex: felt small, tried to excuse himself &c. &c.

I think perhaps under all the circumstances of the case, He will be more particular in future. - as I told him, if he was guilty any more, I would renew the Sunday Case against him. -

Went out at 2. p.m. came in at 6.30. p.m.  
Miles 20. At N. B. 1.50. E. Ker with me.



Sir,

21. August 1879.

I have the honor to answer my application, as follows; "Of the 29<sup>th</sup> of July last, "For boat license, in behalf of the Niagara fishermen - Not yet paid for!"

"Of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, "For boat license, for Alex. Thomas, of Gabrielle - paid for!"

And a boat license for Alex. Rolfe, of B. Beach, "For to fish 5,000 yards of Salmon Trout, white fish, Herring, and Cisco gill nets, in L. Ontario, in front of the Township of Salsburgh, - The nets, and Cisco gill nets 2 1/2 inches extension measure, shall not be taken on the River, frequented by young white fish; Paid for 31 of May last."

Hon. Minister,

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Monday, 25. August 1879.

At Verona, and Grimsby - found all O.K. -  
John Stand - Caught 56 fish - Paddy Stand only 5,  
Got 9 fish from John Stand - and Paddy's 5 -  
went out 5. a. m. came in at 3.50. p. m. -  
Miles 40, - \$44 B - 2.00, -

Sent 3 large white fish, to Mr. Whitehead  
charges 1.00 at

Thursday, 28. August 1879. -

At Verona, to get some (2) white fish, for Saml. Wilmet,  
which he wanted to put up, and stuff, for the Ottawa  
Exhibition, - sent them in a box of Saml. West and Co.,  
the same afternoon - by express, - Paddy Stand, caught  
14 fish, altogether, - I got 2, as above and a trout, went  
out at 5. a. m. came in at 11.50. a. m. Miles 30. \$44 B -  
1.50, - Wrote Saml. Wilmet, and telegraphed him. - -

Sat: 30. August 1879. -

At Port Credit - Enquiring about illegal fishing  
up the Credit River on the flats of J. G. Wilcox at  
his son's farm, with me, went out at 8. a. m.,  
came in 6.50. p. m. Miles 66. My fare, 1.90.  
dinner 25¢. Boat off 1.00, -

Sir,

27. August 1879. -

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No 320 for the sum of sixty dollars which I only received here this day. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as a license fee on License for fishing Two pound Nets in Lake Erie "Single heads" between point Abino, and Shick's or Kares point, in the townships of Bertie, and Shumestone; for the balance of this year and ending 31<sup>st</sup> day of December next; The License being issued to Thomas Ramsey, and son. J<sup>r</sup> Erie; And delivered this day. - -

I may here take the liberty of saying a few words in behalf of Mr John W. Ramsey and his father, the present Licensees for fishing by pounds between <sup>upper</sup> Wind Mill point and Kares point in Lake Erie; which I hope will meet your consideration and approval. - - -

Mr J. W. Ramsey having to build a wharf, fish house & 14 houses, and a increasing establishment, and so as to run the fish hereafter more successfully, a big, and more boat will be required; and he solicits from the Fisheries dept a 10 year Lease; say from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1880. -

I may here say, for your information, that I find Mr John W. Ramsey, "is unlike almost all other fishermen" - He is law abiding, and a careful man, and so communicative, as regards the successes of his pound net fishing; that I consider any privilege, that the dept can legally bestow upon him, will be highly esteemed and appreciated by him. -

I have therefore much pleasure in recommending that you will be pleased to grant to Mr John W. Ramsey of Bertie, a 10 year Lease, for fishing in pound Nets in L. Erie between Wind Mill point, and Kares point, from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1880. -

My object in applying at this early stage, is, that Mr Ramsey may commence preparation in the several branches of his pound net fishing business which an annual license does not guarantee.

Hoping you will pardon me for applying so far in advance, believe me, that I do so in my zeal for the prosperity of the Fisheries; and with due respect,

J. W. Ramsey

Hon: Minister.

John W. Ramsey

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P.S. - The price for each pound, not less than 60¢ each, however, to be hereafter fixed.

S. J.

13. August 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of this day, of this date; from the Toronto Mail. -

It appears, that about the beginning of the month of July last, Messrs John and Charles Bolton, fishermen, Town of Niagara, set out on the Bass beds, in Lake Ontario, American Waters, about 500 yards of White fish gill nets, for the purpose of catching Bass. -

And Messrs Charles and Alfred Baskin, fishermen of the Town of Niagara - set out at the same time and place about 500 yards of similar White fish gill net for a similar purpose. - The Customs Officer of Youngstown, U.S. - seized the gill nets "not lawfully" - I heard of the seizure at the time or few days after it happened; and I have talked with John Bolton, and Alfred Baskin, since about the matter. -

The Orders from the Department is, if our fishermen, offend against the American fishery laws, they do so, at their own risk; I have frequently myself warned and advised them not to set on the Bass beds, which is close in shore, behind the American Fort. -

It was the first time, for the Messrs Baskins, to set there; none of them had their gill nets there since. - I am aware, and they told me so themselves, that they were warned by American Authorities not to do so, before the late seizure was made; it appears they wanted Bass, for the Queens Royal Hotel - Niagara. -

John Bolton and his brother Charles, are reckless, whilst the Baskins are very careful young men, and they regret the matter very much. - I am aware that the Baskins were urged to set there, by Bennett, one of the Proprietors of the Hotel, otherwise they would not have done so. -

The American Gill net fishermen always set on the same ground. (Bass beds) and for the matter of that Canadian fishermen, can at all times fish there, by first going first to Youngstown, U.S. - enter their Boat and nets in the Custom House. -

I Have &amp;c.

H. J. Allen

John Bolton  
Alfred Baskin



John W. Kerr Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Hamilton, -  
 Dear Sir,

Hillsburg, -  
 August 27, 1879. -

I am now in a position to successfully carry out (I think) fish breeding as a commercial industry, if I can get permission to take trout, and trout spawn this fall. - If you can, will you kindly get me the necessary permission.

The trout fishing has been very good here this summer, and I believe it is attributable to a great extent to my former hatching operations. -

Yrs<sup>ly</sup> respectfully,  
 George A. Lacey. -

No. 3. -

If I get the permission I require, I will endeavour to prevent the illegal fishing that has been going on, to a great extent these two years past in this neighbourhood. -

G. A. L.

Sir,

30. August 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, an application, I have just received from Mr. George A. Lacey, of Hillsburg, township of Erin, in the County of Wellington; - soliciting your permission to catch speckled trout, and obtain speckled trout spawn; during the approaching fall, and in close season; for the purpose of restocking his fish breeding ponds in Hillsburg. -

And I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. Lacey, bred thousands of speckled trout, in a former speckled trout breeding establishment, he had in Hillsburg; but a great pest, one night, swept all away; this was about 6 years ago; when he had from the department, a similar privilege to that he now solicits. -

I recommend the permission to extend over the trout streams, situated in the Townships of Caledon and Erin, and with due respect,

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Ministers,

I Have, &c,  
 John W. Kerr  
 D. O.

**Worth Remembering:**

From a placard published by Mr. W. F. Whiteher, Commissioner of Fisheries, we gather the following:

Speckled trout, brook or river trout, cannot be caught from the 15th of September to the 1st of May. Salmon trout, lake trout and whitefish cannot be caught from the 1st to the 10th of November; net or seine fishing without licenses is prohibited. Nets must be raised from Saturday night until Monday morning of each week. Nets cannot be set or seines used so as to bar channels or bays. Indians are forbidden to fish illegally the same as whitemen. Each person guilty of violating these regulations is liable to fine and costs, or in default of payment is subject to imprisonment. No person shall, during such prohibited times, fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell, or have in possession, any of the kinds of fish mentioned above.

Sir,

30, August 1879,

I have the honor to apply to you, for the 2 of  
of the last Annual Report of the Fisheries.

I want one each, for two worthy fishermen of my div-  
ision; and a third one for the purpose of having round to  
be read by fishermen; who begin to take a more warm  
interest in our fisheries, and the able management by the  
department at Ottawa, of the same.

Your compliance will much oblige.

I have &c.

Hon: Minister,  
H. H. H.

John W. Kerr  
O.O.

September 1<sup>st</sup> 1879, Monday.

at Grimsby and Winona - getting White fish for Sam<sup>y</sup>  
Wilcock to cure, stuff, and show at Ottawa.

Went out at 5. a.m. came in at 5.30. p.m. Mile  
38. H & B - 2.00 - Breakfast 25 - 12 for White, #1.44

Sir,

b. September 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft  
No: 346, for the sum of twenty dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for Boat  
Licenses, to fish gill Nets, in Lake Ontario, during this cur-  
rent year. - Township Niagara? -

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Messrs Alfred, and Charles Ball, to fish 4,000 yds |                 |
| of Cisco, pickerel and White fish gill nets.          | \$ 5.00.        |
| 2. John Bolton, do. - 3,000 yards do.                 | .. 5.00.        |
| 3. James Cantwell. do. 4,000. do, do,                 | 5.00.           |
| 4. Robt J. Allan, do, 2,000. do, do,                  | .. 5.00.        |
| and with due respect                                  | Total \$ 20.00. |

I have &c.

Hon: Minister,  
H. H. H.

John W. Kerr  
O.O.

Licenses already received and delivered.

Sir,

9. September 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for licenses in B. bay, and in L. G. on B. beach, for the undermen-  
tioned persons; The licenses to be the same as those issued  
by you last year, and previous years. . . .

1. Messrs John Barry, and S. H. Ghent,	5.00.
2. R. W. Ramsey, and Jas. E. Duckett,	5.00.
3. Col. H. B. Villiers,	5.00.
H. L. Baastman, -	5.00.

and with due respect

I have &amp;c

John W. Less

D.O.

Write Sam: Wilcox - 12 Sep: 1879. Postages 24. <sup>4</sup>

and  
" John W. Ramsey, - do. - and answered  
the White's letter, on 13, instant. - -

My dear Sir,

Yours of 12, instant received, enclosing  
me (2.) copies of appeal served upon you by Enosh  
Patchet Jr., and John Patchet, who have been joined  
upon your Complaint, for a Contravention of the Fishery's  
Act. - You have nothing to apprehend in these cases;  
as I will have a Lawyer there, (at Norampton) when the  
quarter sessions is held to attend to the cases. - I will in  
the mean time see a Lawyer here, and have read the Notice  
of Appeal, and find out what he thinks about them. -

My own impression is, they don't amount to any thing; It  
will however be necessary for you to have all the witnesses  
at the quarter sessions at Norampton, whenever it is held,  
say some time in December next. - -

I am sorry to hear your leg is so bad, I will  
come down soon, believe me, Yrs Sincerely,

John W. Less  
D.O.

James J. Wilcox Esq  
D. O. answer  
Post Credit



Hamilton,

My dear Sir -

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, was duly received by me. - Thomas Thomas, of Coburns whom you allude to, paid for his License some time ago; - and I sent him his License today; don't annoy him in any way, as I don't think he will do any act, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

He need not show you his License. - If he objects, he has a perfect right to do so! and you could neither do, or say anything against him for it. -

This lively wind, we are having daily, ought to bring in abundance of Salmon towards the middle of the 12, and 16. for instance. - Keep a close eye out for them. -

Ask Billy Engledau or Sam Doyle, if they know who it is that is picking Gill Nets in Lake Ontario, in front of Port Nelson. - I hope you are all in good health, - and with my kind respects to Mrs. Pollock, am, yours

Believe me, Yrs. sincerely

John W. Kerr

T. W. Kerr

W. D. Pollock Esq

St. Guardian

Pointe, 3

6. September 1879. -

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1879. -

at St. Bridge, Queeston, and Niagara - received License for Joe Meats and Lyle Met fishing in L.O. in township of Niagara - as per letter dated 6. Sep<sup>r</sup> went out at 8. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. miles 60.

Ry \$2.25¢, dinner 50¢ \$4 & B. 3.00, - See & Bed 50¢.

Saw Mr. J. B. Klumb, M. P. and gave him the plans and description of about 3½ acres of Old Fort George - which he applied for, as a Fish Hatchery. - \$6.25¢.

Thursday, 4. September 1879. -

at Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton, got this day from Charles and Alfred Wall \$5, John Bolton \$5, James Cantwell \$5, and from Robt. J. Allan \$5, went out at 10. a.m. came in 5.30. p.m. miles 46. Stage fare 50¢, breakfast 25¢, dinner \$1.00. -

Footscap 25¢, Letter paper and envelopes 75¢.

and  
Postages 25¢.

Monday, 8. September 1879. —  
 at <sup>for</sup> Credit, and Spring field, see my report of  
 9<sup>th</sup> instant, — Attended trial, and made supper &c.  
 went out at 6. A. M., came in at 10.30. P. M. —  
 Miles 80. By fare 2, 54¢ B. 2, B. 3. and dinner 10¢.

Friday, 12. September 1879. —  
 at Windsor, got four White fish, from Raddy Hand,  
 sent 2, to Mr. Whitcher — went out at 5. A. M., came in at  
 3. P. M. — Miles 36. 54¢ B. 2.00, Express charges 90¢ X

Tuesday, 16. Sep: 1879.  
 On N. beach, and at Wulages - Barton, making pre-  
 paration to catch bass, for show fair Ottawa, by order of  
 Wm. H. Whitcher - Commissioner of Fisheries. —  
 Edward Kerr with me. — went out at 9. A. M.,  
 came in at 6.30. P. M. Miles 26. 14¢ W. 2.00. — and  
 Edward 10¢.

Wednesday, 17. Sep: 1879. —  
 at Susp: Bridge, Quecston, and Niagara, brought down  
 barrel to get live Bass for Ottawa - show fare - thence to  
 Niagara; Had been at Jagers set out fyke net in Se-  
 cond Inlet. for to catch bass; — went out at 3. P. M.  
 came in at 12. M. Night, — Miles 60. By fare 2.25. — Sea  
 and bed 50¢, 54¢ B. — 2.00. —

Thursday, 18. Sep: 1879. —  
 All day, at Niagara; — Went before Wm. Kerby Esq. J. P.  
 with Ess. Gabriel of Quecston, who lodged complaint agt  
 David Derris of Quecston — a fisherman — for a trespass  
 on his fishery — on 12<sup>th</sup> instant; Mr. Kerby, appointed 3. o'clock  
 P. M., but the defendant not appearing, a warrant was  
 issued for his apprehension — the case to be tried at 8.  
 A. M., next day, Board and bed 1. Boat and man  
 catching White Bass. —

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> Sep: 1879. —  
 at Niagara, Wm. Kerby Esq. J. P. heard the case  
 agt David Derris, as above — he was fined \$5. and  
 costs, or 30 days in Jail. —  
 Thence to Sus: Bridge and Hamilton, went out  
 at 11. A. M., came in at 6.30. P. M., Miles 60.  
 54¢ B. 2.00 — dinner and Breakfast 50¢ —





27. Sep: 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a supply of Blank forms; viz:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Account and Diary, of ——— 5. -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Voucher Blanks, ——— 100. -

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr  
D.O.Hon: Minister,  
H. H. H.

Sir,

29. September 1879. -

I have the honor to report, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September instant, before Wm. Kirby Esq. J. P., at the Town of Niagara, and County of Lincoln - David Herron, a licensed fisherman at Lescarston, in the Niagara River, was fined \$5. and \$5.95 of costs, or 30 days in St. Catherine's Jail, - for maliciously trespassing on the fishing grounds, and within the licensed limits of Joseph Gabriel Sr. of Lescarston, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September instant. - By tying his boat on the said fishing ground, so as to injure, and damage and disturb his fishing, and which he David Herron, refused to remove until after the trial, on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, when the case was proven against him. -

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr  
D.O.Hon: Minister,  
H. H. H.

I was present at the trial, and proved Gabriel's li-  
 -  
 J. W. Kerr,  
 D.O.

Tuesday, 30. September 1879. -

At St. Catherine's, to see Peter Bath, and Jas. Williams Jr. of Mr. Balhouse's, on fishing business - came back by next train - Miles 94. My fare \$2.00, dinner 25, A & B 50¢

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1879. - -

In West Hamboro, as far as Mr. John Keivals, to inspect a speckled trout pond, in course of construction, gave him my advice in the matter, went out at 7.30. On, on, came in at 3. p. m. Miles 28. A & B. 2.00, dinner for two 50¢. E. Kerr, with me. - = 22.50.

29. Sep. 1879.  
I have the honor to report, that it is my duty, on the following streams in my division. -

1. Lyons or Lyons Creek, -
2. Duffins Creek, -
3. The Rouge, -
4. - Hiland Creek, -

and  
The Stumber, and the River Credit, about Strachville, Meadowdale and Springfield. -

Instead of Harry Maon, - I wish to have Peter Joslin engaged on the Rouge, because he has promised - & faithfully to protect & preserve the forest salmon in this stream; - and I believe such a change is absolutely necessary. - Harry Maon, is too large; - and he has too many associates, salmon poachers. -

Harry Maon,  
H. H. H.

I Have &c,  
John W. Kerr  
D.O.

P.S. - I have had valuable information given me, by Peter Joslin.  
J. W. Kerr, D.O.

Mailed on 1st of October 1879 -  
with

Letter containing Poauk draft \$144. -

Receipts

for Quarters Salary, - 30. June 1879.

" " " " 30. Sep. 1879.

John W. Kerr

"Memorandum"

Received Salary, to 30. Sep. 1879. -

125.

My paid A. B. Robinson for his services in 1st of October 1879. in his office 50.00

My paid S. Rogers old acct. 9.

My paid Geo. Cahill Jr. 10.

My paid Church Warden & organ, New Kent, to 1st Oct. 10.

My Cash paid License fees - 25

My balance in office - 21

paid J. Morrison \$5. on 2nd Oct 1879

\$125.00

Sir,

4, October 1879. -

I have the honor to submit for your perusal, and approval; herewith, account and diary of my actual disbursements for travel, and petty expenses incurred by me, while on active duty, during the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1879, amounting to.

\$101.45.

Add. - John W. Kerr, For Stationery, Voucher. 1. - 2.00. -  
 " Postages. " 2. - 1.74. -  
 " Telegraphs. " 3. - 1.56. -  
 " Office Rent, " 4. - 5.00. -  
 " Express charges, &c. 5. - 10.85. -  
 on job, to Ottawa Exhibition, &c. &c. &c. 6. - 11.00. -  
 " Edward Kerr, Boatman, " 7. - 1.00. -  
 " John W. Kerr, Barrel & pack " 7. - 1.00. -

\$125.45.

In conclusion, I beg most respectfully to report, that I travelled during the quarter just ended, a distance of 2015 miles in the active discharge of my official duties, and for which charges are made, and the same was in every instance absolutely necessary. -

I have &amp;c,

The Hon.ble

The Minister

John W. Kerr,  
T.O.

Hamilton, Onto,

6. October 1879. -

My dear Father Gordon, -

How is the N.P. getting along with you now, I mean only, as regards Salmon in Duffins Creek. - I am directed by the Department to engage two local Guardians, for Duffins Creek this fall. - I only suppose as a matter of course, you will have no objection to put on the Armer again, and act as Senior A, No. 1. - and so as to make it look a little like a family compact!! perhaps one of your sons will engage to be the other one. -

As the time is fast approaching, and the N.P. Salmon will be running in soon, please let me hear from you at once; and with my kind and warm respects to you and yours, believe me

Yrs Sincerely  
John W. Kerr  
T.O.John Gordon Esq  
Duffins Creek.



Sir,

1. October 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Cash Draft No. 414, for the sum of Twenty five dollars. -

Will you be good to pay this amount, on account of the undrawn balance, for the already received of this Rent money, and interest: -

1. Geo. H. B. Vile	Station	do	do	do	do	\$ 4.00.
2. John Hughes	do	do	do	do	do	5.00.
3. Mrs. Anne Shalmond	do	do	do	do	do	5.00.
4. Ric. Zaaffe	do	do	do	do	do	2.00.
5. do	do	do	do	do	do	1.00.
6. John Wadsworth	do	do	do	do	do	2.00.
7. "John" John. Keith	do	do	do	do	do	5.00.
Lake Ontario, at Niagara						\$25.00.
						Total \$25.00.

Mon. Minister,  
H. H.

House of Commons,  
John W. Kerr,  
P.O.

My dear Dick,

Yours received; Your house fee for all fishing this year, is just \$15, as usual.

I received from you 28 Bass, at a York shilling each; 14 quaters, equals 3.50, so you will please send the balance \$11.50. -

And now Dick, like a good boy that you are! Can't you invent, and make some great article, with two hands to it, a marvellous shaped box, that will contain water, and that I can move about 24 bass in at a time for miles away, without killing them or hurting them, to have plenty of air.

I know you can do this for me. - This thing is relating the fishing community, and it remains for you to make your mark. H. B. or otherwise, send \$11.50. by return mail. -

Yrs Sincerely  
John W. Kerr  
P.O.

Hamilton  
2. Oct 1877.

Sir.

4. October 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, an approved application from James Williams Jr of Port Dalhousie, fisherman, for the position of a Light House Keeper there, at the mouth of the Welland Canal.

I beg most respectfully to report for your information, that I have known James Williams Jr for the last 14 years, as boy and man. - He is now about 26 years of age, and is married, and has a wife and two children.

I consider him a deserving young man, of good character, he is sober, industrious and <sup>an expert</sup> skilful; and would I believe make an excellent <sup>an expert</sup> Light House Keeper, being accustomed to Boats, and as Captain of a tug; towing vessels in and out of Harbour at Port Dalhousie, thus making him in that respect a suitable person for the place. -

His persons who have signed his petition (application) and Certify as to his character, are some of the most respectable and prominent business men in St Catharines and Port Dalhousie, as vessel owners, merchants, Captains, &c, &c, in connection with, and interested in the good management of the Light House, and the navigation of the Welland Canal. -

I believe Mr. J. E. Ryckert, M. P., for Hamilton, would have recommended Mr. Williams for the appointment, had he known of him.

I Have &amp;c.

Hon: Minister,

H.

T.

C.

John W. Kerr

H.C.

4. October 1879. Stamps 24<sup>th</sup> 1879Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1879.

at Winona, to see Paddy Havel, and get white fish from him, to send to Ottawa, went out 6. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. Miles 40. N. & O. 2.00. R. 25. Express charges on fish to Ottawa 1.00.

all I promised you I would send you the book I now regard you as doing justly, a number of the New York and England during the opening of the present season. I have the book at the rate of 1000 at each of the times that my business requires for your breaking the New York and England and all the...

And now Pete, I have only word to you, of explicit  
confidence in you, and now I expect on your part to act the  
part of a gentleman in this, and I shall be sure to be satisfied.

Upon the 12th I have taken over, have gone on to visit  
the several representatives of the League, & the  
to be friends in protest of the League  
that I have been through the center.

If a useful, little matter, in the address you give me, if you cannot, I will be all the more glad to be off a life of a husband.

Lights, spearing, block, trap boxes, gaffed hooks, - and shooting salmon is prohibited; penalty, or fine \$200, and all costs; half the fines will be yours. - Keep your engagement to yourself don't tell any person you are engaged. If you find any nets or box traps or lights (Spears &c.) set in the Rouge, seize them at once and report to me, be sure however to catch the owners at the same time. -

I need not tell you who the suspected persons are, as you already know them all yourself.

You need not tell Moore, unless you are determined  
not to tell Henry. Van Hor, Joe Black, Joe Black's son  
Robert, Dave Thompson, Wilson Holloman, Emma Palmer. &c. &c.  
&c. &c. &c.

Now you my dear Kate, go on your way rejoicing, -  
note down every little incident that you hear, or that comes from  
your own immediate personal knowledge, saloon beds, &c. &c. for  
me. - But as harmless in a manner, and as the dove, but  
as cunning as the serpent. - My whole easy conscience is now con-  
fided in you; because I believe you are reliable in desiring  
to prove to me that others similarly employed could be such  
killers if they had a mind you to do so. -

And with my kind respects believe me.

all  
Peter Goshue  
of Oak Grove, Pa.  
an J. S. Hamilton  
into

Received  
 of John Wilson  
 \$ 2.00

50879.



My dear Lacey. -

Hamilton, Onto

I have received yours and submitted the same to the Fish Department, Ottawa; and in reply; I enclose this letter. -

I am to request you to please state what proofs you possess of the existence and character of the establishment you say Mr Lacey, now has. -

please give me now, and at once an accurate description of your present Fish Breeding Establishment, particulars in full of size of ponds, Hatching House, every thing. - I have also asked Mr. J. H. Village - to go and see your place and report to me

Geo: A. Lacey Esq  
Hillsburg  
Onto

Y<sup>rs</sup> &c.

John H. Kerr Esq  
O. Oct. 279.

My dear Hull.

Hamilton, Onto

Will you be so good as to run up to Hillsburg, examine Mr Geo: A. Lacey's speckled trout, establishment, ponds, Hatching, &c, as now in existence in Hillsburg in his place, and report to me in a full description, fish, and every thing at present there for the information of the Fisheries Department Ottawa. -

I hope Mr Hull, your children and self are in good health and flourishing. Believe me as ever,  
Y<sup>rs</sup> John H. Kerr  
Esq  
O. Oct. 1879

Wm Hull Esq  
Hillsburg  
Onto

Postage stamps 50. of  
on  
of the October 1879.

My dear Wilcox,

7. Oct. 1879.

As the time is drawing near, when the parent salmon will be running up the River to spawn, I want to draw your immediate attention to this River; I would recommend you to examine the Creek carefully from Springfield down to the Indian Village; if nets have been used, or fishing is carried on, you will readily with your case discover good marks. -

We must catch some of the dependents. - I have seen Thomas Harris again this fall, by order from Ottawa, so between you and he, I believe the Salmon should be well protected. -

I was in Ottawa during the Salmon fair, I will come down soon, perhaps this week to see you, as we

Jas. J. Wilcox Esq.  
J.O.  
Or Credit

Yours truly  
J. O.  
J.O.

I have written Robert Cox Esq. J.P. and will write him again today.

J. O.  
J.O.

Write Paddy Stand about White fish in Creek this day. -

J. O.

My dear Pollack,

I wish to inform you, that the parent Salmon, will be soon running up the 12, and 16, Mile Creeks to spawn. -

Will you be please to redouble your exertion for their protection; No spearing, no lights No Nets, nor fish box traps of any kind are permitted to be used by any person in the 12 or 16 Mile Creeks, under any pretence whatever.

W. H. Pollack Esq.  
J.O.

Yrs fraternally  
John W. Cox  
J.O.

7. Oct. 1879.

Wednesday, 8. October 1879. —

At Jordan, to see Richard Gilbert, and Michael Moyer. —  
 who complained to me, that Bert, Snier of Jordan Vil-  
 lage - Constable, Absalom Foster and his son Gordon  
 Foster - living on Bratts point. — Henry Weiner, ex-  
 Warden, of Lincoln. — Abraham Stonberry of Jordan,  
 and Birch of , and the Cooke,  
 of Jordan, who sends money, did fish and stand a  
 seine in Lake Ontario, on Saturday night the 4<sup>th</sup> of October,  
 on his seine hauling ground, and catch a large quantity of  
 fish to wit 10 to 12 Baskets gull, after 6 o'clock  
 p.m., and in contravention of the Fisheries Act. —  
 Went out at 8. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. — miles 80.  
 dinner 25¢. 44 B. 1.50. — Ry fare \$1.50. ~~23.25~~

Monday, 13. October 1879. —

Mailed Close Season Order - to the following:

1. Lewis Meffey, Grantham, St Catharines. — J.
2. Cooke Esqre Jordan P. Office. —
3. G. L. Hicks, J. The Stumber, Illinois P.O. —
4. Henry Weiner, ex Warden, Jordan P. Office. —
5. John W. Ranney. — J. Bertie, Ridgeway. —
6. Abraham St. Robb, J. Beausville. —
7. Abraham Stoner, J. Frenchmans Bay, Amherston. —
8. Thos: Mansfield J. do. — do. —
9. Sals: Wright. J. do. — do. —
10. Francis Paterson, J. Sales Gully, Sarnia. —
11. Thomas Elliot, J. Niagara. —
12. Harry Chappard, J. Queenston. —
13. David Ward, J. Snout Island, Toronto. —
14. Charles Hines, J. The Stumber, Illinois. —
15. Wm. Engstrom - J. Toronto. —
16. Richard Jones J. do. —
17. Thomas Thomas, J. Catville. —
18. John Bolton, J. Niagara. —
19. Joseph Gabriel, J. Queenston. —
20. George White, J. Whithy, P.O. —
21. Charles F. Wilcox J. Port Credit. —
22. Oneable - Bert, Snier Jordan P. Office. —
23. Thomas Jaise J. B. Beach, B. P.O. —
24. John Mansfoot J. Whithy. —
25. Thomas Harris, J. St. Catharines P.O. —
26. Wm. Wollman, J. Leslieville, P.O. —
27. Peter Goshine - J. Port Union. —
28. My Charlotte Reid, Clarkson Corners P.O. —

Wm. L. J. J.





My dear Sir,

Hamilton, Ontario.

As I promised you in my former letter: I have now much pleasure in forwarding you, two convictions, I have had drawn up here - by a Lawyer friend of mine, in the cases of Enoch and John Hatchet, fined by you on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September last, for a contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

My friend informs me, that Convictions made out by you similar to the enclosed or the enclosed Convictions themselves - signed <sup>sealed</sup> and dated by you is all sufficient. - This form of Conviction, is given in the Fisheries Act; 31. Vic; Chap: 60, - Assented to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1868. - -

Only one offence can be inserted in the Convictions; to enter more would invalidate the Conviction altogether. -

And with my kind regards, and respects, believe me, -

Y<sup>rs</sup>. Obediently,  
John W. Hens,  
J<sup>r</sup>. O.

14. October 1879.

Robert Cox Esq<sup>r</sup>  
J. P.

Springfield,  
Credit: Office.

Evening 14. October 1879. I wrote  
J. J. Wilcox. Post Advt on the same subject.  
J<sup>r</sup>. O.

Postage 25¢

Thursday, 16. Oct. 1879. -

On M. beach, distributing close season Notices.  
Went out at 8.30. a.m. Came in at 4.30. p.m.  
Took home my trap net, from Wharf. Fine  
and Wooden Fish Bait. - Miles 30.  
H & B. 1.50. dinner 50¢. 2.00

My dear Pete,  
 Yours received, please get the head for me  
 of it <sup>large</sup> Salmon you say you have in the Range, put it up  
 to dry, and keep it for me. --  
 As for hollies, don't mind them, unless they kill or rot the  
 Salmon. --

It is of no consequence about what Mr. Maywell says,  
 as respects Carry person. Let me hear every thing, that  
 Pete Josline sees in his own proper person, during the Salmon  
fall of 1879. --

The Fishery Dept. will not allow a cf to watch them  
 back an unless you can do better than those who use to  
 be a you; the things will perhaps meet a similar fate,  
 next year; show Pete, do your duty like a man, and  
 remember your promise.

Hamilton, Onto.  
 14. Oct. 1879.

J. W. Kerr  
 T.O.

P.S. Did you tell, Mr. Maywell, or Jack  
 Gobbit, you are watching Salmon. -- for  
 you remember you told me, no one should know  
 until you caught some person.

Mr. Pete, I hope -- J. W. Kerr  
 T.O.

My dear B.C.,  
 I regret to inform you, that  
 the Fisheries department, Ottawa, will not allow  
 any thing this fall, for watching or protecting  
 parent Salmon in Lyons Creek. --

And so Jack, my dear friend, I must dis-  
 miss with your services. -- However! should you  
 hear of any depredations being committed, I hope  
 you will tell your friend.

John W. Kerr  
 T.O.

14. Oct. 1879.

Note paper 15.5 pms 35.5



Let.

6, October 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft 428, for the sum of Eleven  $\frac{50}{100}$  dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for the license already issued to Mr. Richard Gilbert, for seine hauling in the 16, year pond township of Leith, during last spring, and in Lake Ontario, for the balance of the season. ---

The balance of \$3.50, to make up the license fee to the full amount of \$15, for the season; I have to explain that I got 28 live Bass from Mr. Richard Gilbert on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April last, at 12 1/2¢ each, which I handed over to Mr. Alexander Begg, same afternoon here for Mr. Whitaker, the Com- missioner, - Ottawa. ---

Mr. Begg, however did not take these Bass away, as Mr. Whitaker they all died here and Mr. B. gave them away. --- But the 68, I presented for Mr. Begg, on 21<sup>st</sup> of April last, that were taken by him, to Ottawa, cost me nothing. --- Mr. Abraham St. John, fisherman who caught these Bass for me, in 20, club pond did not and would not charge for them. ---

Please allow the \$3.50 of herein referred to, to make up the \$15. in full - license to Mr. Gilbert. ---

The  $\frac{1150}{100}$  was only received by me, this day.  
 Hon: Commissioner  
 Ottawa  
 I have &c.  
 John Whitaker  
 P.O.

Tuesday, 21. October 1879, ---

At Winona, Minn. found all regular, thence to Lake shore to enquire about illegal fishing being carried on by Ken; Clark, hear from John Coward all about it, also saw Jonathan Cory, and Duncan McGillivray, and heard from them how the matter stood.

Went out at 6, a.m., came in at 1.50. p.m.  
 Miles about 36. At B. 1.50, Breakfast 25¢  
 2.10

Thursday, 23. October 1879.

Having obtained a Warrant from Jas. Cahill J.P. and accompanied by Edwin Kerr, Sam. Howson and Sam. McNamee for Constables, went on B. Bet and took a piece of Gill net, belonging to Mr. Clark. I found Set in the Lake - also took his Boat into my Custody, went out at 3. a.m., came in at 12. Noon, Miles about 40.  
 At B. 1.50. Breakfast of 1.50.  
 Dinner of 1.00.

29. September 1879.  
 I have the honor to report for your information, with reference to my former report of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., submitted by me to you, as against Enoch Patchet Jr. and John Patchet, of the Township of Toronto, charged; - For that they did on several occasions, between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of August last, on Saturday night, the 16<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August last, fish for, catch and kill fish, that is to say, Eels, Bass, and various other kinds of fish, in contravention of the Fisheries Act, and Sunday Observance Act. - - -

And that they did at the same time and place set a trap box, and did fish and set same stationary, in the main channel, and waters of the River Credit, and by the aid of a temporary stone wall built by them, and the said box trap, fixed, and set in the main channel, and the waters of the River Credit, did entirely obstruct the passage of fish in the main channel, and the waters of the said River Credit. - - - please read sub section 4, and 5, of section 13, of the Fisheries Act. - - -

And for which they were fined \$5, each, or costs, or 20 days in Jail. -

As they have since appealed against the Magistrate's conviction, to the next General Court of Quarter Sessions, to be held at Brampton, in the County of Peel; on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December next. Will you be pleased to instruct me, to what Solicitor I should apply to, to look after the interest of the Fishery Department before the Presiding Judge at the said Quarter Sessions. -

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister,  
 V. V. V.

I Have &c.  
 John W. Kerr.  
 S.O.

Friday: 24, October 1879. -  
 Attended before James Cahill, J.P. - Mr Charles A. Sadler - appeared for Ben: Clink, and submitted that Ben: pay costs and take out his licence at once, went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 1. p.m. Miles 6. - At 1.50, Ben: had to pay his costs of \$8.50, to Magistrate and Constables. -

ILLEGAL FISHING.—At an early hour this morning Constables McNair and Howard and J. W. Kerr, Fishery Inspector, proceeded to Lake Ontario where they took a boat and went out on the lake. The water was extremely rough and the men had a very risky ride. The object of their enterprise was to put a stop to some illegal fishing that was going on and they arrested a man named Benjamin Clink, of the Beach, for fishing without a license. He will be brought before the Police Magistrate to-morrow morning.



Sir,

29. August 1879. —

With reference to my former communications on the same subject, I have now the honor to attach another article found in the Hamilton Spectator of yesterday's date; on Beth Greens Shad: —

Since I have made my report to you of the 14<sup>th</sup> of August instant, I have seen the waters of Lake Ontario with hundreds of those so styled shad, floating about dead, and after they float about for days on the surface of the water, they swell up, then burst and sink to the bottom of the Lake, and rot away.

This I know to be so, from accounts given to me, by fishermen from time to time; who have found them doubled up and rotten on the thread of their gill nets. —

My impression now is! that these fish are dying annually from two causes, but more have died this year, than during any previous year. —

1<sup>st</sup>. They are a salt water fish, of the inferior class of shad: known as Alewives, or gaspereau, and having found their way into L. Ontario, a fresh water body, of such vast extent, they have become bewildered, not being able to find their way back to Salt-water again. —

2<sup>nd</sup>. It is notorious, that shad Alewives, or gaspereau go up fresh water streams to spawn, the same as Salmon do, and like the Salmon, they too, return after spawning to the sea again. — It now appears, that ever since the year 1872: those fish have been found all the year round in L. Ontario, and B. Bay, and not being able to find their way back annually to the sea, "as Nature intended they should", — they die. —

I have within the past month, examined several of the fish: "say about 8" inches long" full grown fish, and it strikes me very forcibly, that those fish, I have examined have died of starvation. — They were evidently spent fish, thin & lean, and in a bad unhealthy condition, which I believe has been caused from real want, and a required annual visit to the salt water, without which their lives are being now curtailed. —

I have never seen a full grown shad properly caught in L. O.

Yours, &c.  
Hon. Minister.

I am &c.

John W. L. S.



My dear Wilnot,

12. Sep. 1879.

I sent you (2) White fish in a box, of ice and saw dust, this afternoon, and I telegraphed you. - I hope they will answer your purpose, there is much difficulty, trouble and expense attends the procuring of those fish. - - -

In order to be always in a position to procure such a class of fish, I bought last spring, \$18.50, worth of gill-nets: - 6" mesh. - - -

I sent Mr. Whitches, two equally as good fish, this evening, and I had 3 for myself besides 2, sent, 15 lbs each. I got Mr. Whitches letter, but he said, you wanted his fish, for the exhibition, if he meant this, I can only say, so far as I am concerned, such a thing, is an impossibility.

After I returned home this evening, I found I had travelled 38 miles, in procuring and expressing those fish, for you and Mr. Whitches, but I never care for that, where my friends are concerned.

So good night and  
Joy be with you  
all.

I have &c &c  
John W. Kerr

Samuel Wilnot Esq  
Newcastle, Ont.

Monday, 24. October - 1879. -

At Saltfleet, as far down as Charles Anderson's farm - at Paddy Hand, got some specimens of White fish, from him to send to Ottawa. - Saw Jack Lafe going down the Lake in his boat; hailed him; his son was with him. - went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 2. Noon, miles about 14. 144 B. 2.00. Thence to City - miles 6. So express charges \$1.25. -  
0.0.0.

20 October 1879.

With reference to my report, dated 30. of Aug. recommending permission being granted to Mr. Geo. A. Lacey, of Hillsburg, in the Township of Erin, "to catch speckled trout during close season, for to restock his fish ponds —

In repl. to which, I received your reply dated 13<sup>th</sup> of September last, in which you say: — "I am to request you to please state what proofs you possess of the existence and character of the establishment you say Mr. Lacey now has?"

I have now the honor to report and beg most respectfully to withdraw my application of the 30<sup>th</sup> of August last, together with Geo. A. Lacey's letter, therewith attached; as from most accurate enquiries and information, I have now received; the place being Mortgage, has been sold, pulled down, and passed into other hands.

Hon. Minister,  
Y. T. Y.

John W. Kerr  
O.O.

Thursday. 30. October 1879. —

At Merion, found all regular. Heardaddy Hand was catching young white fish, cautioned him about it, went out at 1. p.m. came in at 6. p.m. Miles 28. — 144 B. 1.50.

Wednesday 29. October 1879. —

On B. beach - in Safford, went out 12.30. p.m. came in at 6. p.m. Miles 26. found all regular. — E. J. Kerr. with me. — 144 B. —

My dear Hull. -

Hamilton, Onto.

Your kind letter received and I shall  
I shall you most truly.

It appears to my mind now, in consequence of what you  
late to me of the bird and lake of George A. Large, fish  
ground at place at Hamilton that the world is a strange character  
indeed, for on the latter part of the month of August last he ap-  
plied to me by letter for some birds for his collection to send back  
last night, so to recollect his name, that he had the place in  
a better position than ever it was, and he was going to be  
removing into fish breeding this year, then he had one done  
before. -- Things being done in the whole you represent  
them as regards the lake. -- you see I will have to  
watch and catch him.

I think we can catch him, getting you, collecting in  
Killing speckled trout, please let me see when  
when I will come up, and I will see you, I am sure  
we can get the fish out of them. --

Yours truly,  
Wm. Hull  
Gt. R.  
Green Village.

John Kerr  
D.O.  
20. Oct 1877.

what you  
think of it.

P.S. As the boat running get  
as I passing on the river, please let me know  
route, I shall like to get to your house.

Don't tell any one when  
you do see for me.  
John Kerr  
D.O.

My dear Wilnot.

Hamilton, Onto.  
17. September 1879. -

Yours received, I have my trap Net, with  
long wings ready, and will set to night for Bass. -- I will go my-  
self to Queenston, to night, and try and get some White Bass,  
they are being caught there in the Niagara River at present.  
If I succeed in getting a good supply, for to take in a  
barrel, such as you desire; I will leave by the evening  
train at Toronto, and will join your staff at Hamilton  
on Monday evening, when train arrives there. I hope I  
will be able successfully to succeed.

Sam Wilnot  
H. Lincoln  
O. R.

Yours truly,  
John Kerr  
D.O.



Sir,

9, September 1879. -

I have the honor to report, that on yesterday, at Springfield, in the Township of Toronto and County of Peel. -

Enoch Patchet Jr. & John Patchet, young men, sons of Enoch Patchet Sr. of the <sup>said</sup> Township and County aforesaid, were charged by me on the complaint of James G. Wilson, Fishery Guardian of the River Credit, before Robert Cox, Esq., J. P., for the said County;

"That they did on several occasions, between the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August last, fish for, catch, and kill fish: to wit: several hels, bass, and other fishes of various kinds in the River Credit, Township of Toronto, without a license from the Department of Marine and Fisheries." - "And that they did at the same time and place, set a Box trap, and by the aid of a temporary stone wall, built by them did entirely obstruct the passage of fish in the main channel and waters of the River Credit, aforesaid." - please see sub sections 4, and 5, of section 13, of the Fisheries Act. - -

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of August last, the case being just reported to me by the Guardian, I went on the ground, and I found by enquiries I made, that the trap box, had been taken out, of the River, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August last; I then ascertained from a young lad named Mark Reynolds, residing near the place, who had been present on several occasions, watching the Box trap, and who assisted in taking the fish out of it, and who received fish caught by them, for his services, from (and had sold fish) Enoch Patchet Jr. that the latter had made the box trap. - -

Before the trial on yesterday, I went on the premises again, with Mark Reynolds, who showed me the frame and remains of the Box trap, lying on the flats, near the place, on the stream, where it was fished; and he identified it, as the Box trap, he saw Enoch Patchet Jr. making, and the same that was afterwards set in River Credit, and in which were illegally caught as aforesaid. -

Enoch Patchet Jr. and John Patchet were fined, 5<sup>0</sup> each, and 6<sup>0</sup> costs, in all of 16. - or 20 days each, in jail. I broke up the box frame, and trap, and I also levelled the temporary wall obstruction in the River. - - The Magistrate gave the defendants four days to pay in, the fine and costs. -

It was a Box trap similar to this that John Wright, of Sticksville, was fined by me, last year, for catching a salmon with.

Yours faithfully,  
J. H. H. H.

I have &c.  
Edmund Lass  
D.O.

J. W. Kern Esq

Credit, October 22/79.

My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your favour of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing me the two convictions against the Patchets, which I should have replied to, sooner, but waiting to have the witness entered into the necessary recognizance to prosecute, which I have accomplished having made him and his father enter into the necessary bonds to (prosecute) the amount of 100, each, to be and appear at the next General Session of the Peace to be holden at Dorchester the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December next, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, &c. &c.

I purpose going to Dorchester in a day or two when all the documents will be handed into the County Clerk of the Peace. —

The witness Mark Reynolds will in addition to the evidence he gave before me prove how he had been employed to peddle the fish caught, and taken out of the box, which part you will be pleased to bear in mind at the trial, if you or your Lawyers deem it essential. —

With esteem and kindest wishes. —

I am very dear Sir

Most truly Yours,

Robert Rof. —

My dear Sir,

29. October 1879.

I had a letter from Post Credit the other day stating that you had been fishing and catching most valuable part of the Credit fish in S. O. and that you sold some of them to the people of the village there. — Have you been up there or is it only an invention. —

Be careful to obey the close season, and don't set your fishing gill nets, in any part of the Lake, where you will be sure to catch small white fish. —

If you know of any person breaking the law, during close season, or at any time, please apprise me at once. —

Yr. Obedt Servt

W. C. S. Mack,  
The Stumbers. —

W. C. S. Mack  
The Stumbers.

Sir,

28. October 1879. —

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of September last, in reply to mine of the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, — the previous day — And in which you state; — "I am to state that no counsel are needed to look after the interest of the Fisheries department before the presiding Judge at the said Quarter Sessions?" —

If I have failed to make myself understood, in my former reports of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September last, I regret it very much. —

The witness in the cases, is a boy, named Mark Reynolds, 15 years old. — The place where the offence was committed is the River Credit, waters set apart, under Regulation in Council, by the Governor General, dated 26, October 1870, for the propagation of Salmon. —

What I meant was the interest of the Fisheries of this River Credit. — And by the annexed letter from J. H. to Col Esq<sup>r</sup> J. J., the Convicting Magistrate, you will perceive "I hope", that there will be a necessity of having counsel present on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December next, at the Quarter Sessions; just the same, as has been customary in similar cases heretofore. —

Some one, to aid the presiding Judge, and the boy will do; as the defendant or appellants have already employed the best (quit) Counsel in Brampton. —

Please excuse me, but when I must, I must out, with it, and with due respect

I Have &c  
John W Kerr  
J.O.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Ministers  
&c &c &c

Hamilton. 31. Oct. 1879.

My dear Dick.

I will be sure to attend to your business next week. Let you or Moyer, meet me at Jordan station, just train, on Tuesday next. —

Keep an eye about you. For persons fishing during close season for me, and with kind regards.

Yr<sup>s</sup> sincere friend  
John W Kerr

John W Kerr  
J.O.



28, October 1879.

With reference to the "Close Season", printed notice, dated Fisheries Department, Ottawa, 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 1879. - which read thus:

"For Salmon Trout, and Lake Trout, and White fish, the close season is from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, inclusive. -

And the last clause, to which public attention has been called by Mr. Whitaker, the Commissioner reads:

"No person shall during such prohibited times fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell, or have in possession any of the kinds of fish mentioned above". -

Now I trust you will please pardon me for trespassing upon your attention in this matter. -

It appears that J. and G. Hobie and Coy., fishermen at Collingwood, who fish near Killarney, and who sold about \$14,000, worth, of their catch of Salmon Trout, and White fish in Hamilton, this season, are desirous of sending two large Refrigerators (cars,) of fresh Trout, and White fish to Hamilton, for the accommodation of their many customers during close season, and which their Agent here, Mr. John Foster, tells me, they have now on hand at Killarney, caught before close season, to be sold here during the close season, and after close season has set in, and which I presume is an innovation or violation of the Fisheries Act, - - Besides it would be a great injustice to our local fishermen, and fish dealers in my division, who are not permitted to fish, &c. &c. during close season. - -

Mr. Foster, tells me, that if I would say so, he would procure permits from the Fishery Officers, at Killarney, and Collingwood; to say, that the S. Trout, and white fish, were all caught before close season set in. - -

My reply to this is, it would not be obeying the law, nor your Orders, to do the buying, selling and possession during close season. - However! I told this agent, Mr. Foster, I would submit the matter to you, at his request, but I made the remark to him, that as close season is so very short, it should be strictly observed in all its entirety in my division, as I had already notified fish dealers, and fishermen therein to this effect, that the existing orders of the Commissioners based on the Fishery law itself, be set aside by the permits of the Local Fishery officers at Collingwood, and Killarney who annually make it a practice of giving such illegal documents. - -

This application has only been made to me at 4, p.m. this evening, <sup>when</sup> it is well known, I have distributed all over my division about sixty of your close season printed notices. - -

I will thank you if it meets your approval, that you will say to me in reply your order must be imperative; -- No deviation to be made therefrom by permit or otherwise. --

I have moreover told the Agent here, Mr. Foster, that unless ordered by you, to the contrary, I see no alternative and I shall seize the fresh S. Trout, and White Fish, that I find in any persons possession for sale, after the 31<sup>st</sup> instant, and will not pay any attention to permits except ordered so by you. --

Please telegraph me your orders in the matter on receipt, for information of all concerned and with much respect,

W. J. Whitcher Esq  
Commissioner of Fishery  
Ottawa. —

I have to  
John W. Foster  
O.A.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton, 31. October 1879.

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> instant received; -- In reply I must say well done good and faithful servant, as was said by the man of Old. --

Keep a close eye on shooters, because if they see a sign they will shoot him! Enter daily in your diary for me, the number of Salmon and beds, and the place, where the beds and fish are seen daily by you, and let your son do the same. --

Visit the mouth occasionally, and if you see any marks of a Sam's been hauled there, apprise me at once. --

Abraham Storer, of Frenchman's Bay, I heard had a <sup>cloudy</sup> Net made to fish for Salmon at the mouth, watch for him. --

I have nothing more to say, only be true and faithful to the end. --

Make your son report to you faithfully every morning, besides keeping a record for me, himself.

and with my kindest regards to you and yours, believe me, Sincerely yours,

John Gordon Esq  
D. W.  
Dufferin Co. Ont.

John W. Foster  
O.A.

My dear Wilcox,

31. October 1877.

Your demand, and I am out by every means within your power to catch some person poaching Salmon; persons in the habit of shooting and trapping along the River Credit, do the most destruction by shooting, to our Salmon. -- Trapping Muskrat, will commence on tomorrow 1<sup>st</sup> of November. --

I find in yesterday's paper, that a young man, who was killed there, by express train. -- Much obliged for the information about Sticks of the Indians. -- If possible, you must visit the River daily, or at night, from the Indian Village, as far up the flats, as spring field; and whenever you discover anything, or hear anything suspicious, advise me, immediately. It will not do, to make a discovery when the bird has flown. --

You have only to telegraph, and I will come; ask Henry to look out on his way to, and from Toronto, in his stone Boat, and note for me, where he has seen fall net buoys, don't fail to do this for me. --

Now Jim Wilcox, it is now about time, the very best time for you, that I know of, for the Salmon to be seen by you rushing up at night on the rapids. -- you should keep a diary of what you daily see in the Salmon line the fishing department expects this from you. and with kin regards to you and yours, believe me

Yrs sincerely,

John Wilcox  
80.

Wm. Wilcox Esq.  
# 14. # 13.

my dear wife,

On the 14. inst. I wrote you, but now that, to this, I have not heard from you. -- have you been frightened off the Range. -- Salmon surely must have made their appearance in it, before this! Have you seen any at all! -- let me hear from you. -- Those persons who go about shooting, kill the Salmon every year. -- Keep an eye on them, I expected before this, to have heard from you, that you had caught at least half a dozen of those persons, who have been killing Salmon yearly for many years past in the Range. --

Now, my dear wife, no fooling, do the thing clean up to the huddle, and believe me Yrs. &c. &c.

John Wilcox  
80.

Mr. John Wilcox

North River

80.

31. Oct 1877.



Sat: 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1879. - -

Seized one white fish and Salmon Trout found in John Davis - fish stall. - Also white fish, and Salmon Trout, found in John Morris's Cellar - all fresh brought the cases before Jas: Cahill Esq. M. C. Young William Davis, was fined \$1. and Costs, and John Morris, was fined \$1. and Costs, - and the fish confiscated and given to the Orphans, as per Notice

SEIZURE OF FISH. - This morning Fishery Inspector Kerr seized about 150 lbs. of white fish and trout in the stalls of Messrs. Morris and John Davis. Both parties were before the Magistrate and, fined \$1 each, the fish being confiscated and sent to the Orphans' Home and St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum. Mr. Davis knew nothing of the arrival of the fish, he being sick in bed.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton.

I have just received a letter from a Gentleman in Toronto, to the Contents of which I beg to draw your attention. -

I have reason to believe that a good deal of fishing for speckled trout, is being carried on about the different Branches of the River Credit just now. -

Will you try and capture, and fine some of these persons violating the law. Yrs. paternally,

William Cahill Esq.  
J. O. Overman.  
Srin Village.

John W. Kerr  
T.O.

Copy...

Monday, 2, Nov: 1879. - -

at Toronto, to see if white fish and S. Trout, were being exposed for sale, did not find any - Back to Port Credit, saw Jas: G. Wilcox and gave him instructions about the Salmon in River Credit - went out at 5.30. A.M. came in at 6.30. P.M. Miles 80. \$44 B. 1.50. Breakfast and dinner 75¢. My fare \$2.30. -

Tuesday, 3, Nov: 1879. - -

at St. Catharines, got out summonses for several persons for a continuation of the Fishing Act, - see my report of 7<sup>th</sup> inst. went out at 7.30. A.M. came in at 6. P.M. Miles 70. \$32 B. 1.50. \$2 dinner 40¢. 147 B. 1.50. Buses 30¢. \$2.20

Sir,

4. November 1879.

I have the honor to report, that on Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, I found in possession of William Davis, son of Mr. John Davis a Fish dealer, about 39. Salmon Trout, and fresh white fish. - It being close season, I seized them; Young Davis, was fined one dollar and costs; and the fish were confiscated, and given to the Orphan poor. - And with due respect.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr  
T.O.

Hon: Magistrate

+ + +

Sir,

4. November 1879.

I have the honor to report, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, I had Mr. John Morris, a Fish dealer in the Hamilton Market fined one dollar, and costs, for having 15 1/2 S. Trout and fresh white fish in his possession, it being close season, and a violation of the Fisheries Act. - The fish were confiscated and given to the Orphan Home.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr  
T.O.

Hon: Magistrate,

+ + +

4. Nov: 1879. -

Sir, I have the honor to report, that on Thursday morning, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, on N. beach, in the Township of Saltfleet, I seized about 25 yards of gill net, I found set in Lake Ontario the property of Benjamin Clark, that I found set there.

It appears Ben: Clark, was endeavouring to fish 400. yards of Herring gill nets without any intention of taking out a license on the same coming to my knowledge; I procured the aid of a couple of constables, with the above result.

Clark immediately engaged Mr. Charles A. Eadler's solicitor, to get him out of the trouble. - Mr. Eadler, proposed to me, that Ben: Clark would pay all costs and take and pay for his license. I would agree to it.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October last, before James Child Esq. N. Magistrate here, I gave my consent to the proposition, when Ben: Clark, paid all costs, about \$8. dollars.

And when he pays his license fee, I shall deliver his net to him for a license, but until then, he shall fish no more.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr  
T.O.

Hon: Magistrate

Sat.

5, November 1879.

I have the honor to report, that this day, Mr. John Davis Fish Hunter - an Irishman, and Sheppard was fined one dollar and costs for being in the fish stall in the market here, on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, he also, was selling white fish and S. Trout, when I made the seizure, already reported to you, on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, in this behalf.

I Have &amp;c

Hon: Minister,

Schubert

Wednesday, 5, November 1879.

At the Police Court, Sheppard, was fined off 1. and costs - I was examined. - He plead guilty - for being in employment of John Davis - selling S. T. and white fish, see my report of this date. -

Friday, 7, Nov: 1879. -

at St. Catharines, before James W. Keating Esq. J. P. - Henry Wimer, of Louth, Esq. - Warden for Lincoln, was fined off 2. and off 3.68 of

Wm. Cooke of Jordan, fined off 2. and off 3.68 of  
 Abraham Mansbury of Jordan, - do. do.  
 Burk, Senior of Jordan, Constable. do. do.  
 Absalom Foster Louth - off 1. and off 3.68 cost  
 Gordon Foster do. was discharged.

see my report of this date on page 390. - went out at 8, a.m. came in at 4. p. on Mill 70. 14 & B. 1.50  
 dinner 65¢. Railway fare 2.30. Buss 15.15

Charged 2.45



Sir,

31. March 1899.

I have the honor to draw your immediate attention to the fact, that Sterring have never been so scarce nor the Lake Bay Licensed free nets fishermen so thin, (who are complaining) in any division of Lake Ontario, during the past 15 years, as it is now has been during this fall, thus far!..

I have observed in Sam Wilmetts Annual Report dated, Newcastle, Ontario, 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1898, thus: - "The Sterring which was the principal food of the Salmon in the Lake, is now becoming more scarce than it has been for many years. It is found in such small numbers along the Coast, that no reduction is offered the Salmon to approach the shore during early summer months."

Such being noted reasons and facts proving and showing the scarcity of Sterring in Lake Ontario...

I have now the honor, to recommend that the privilege heretofore granted under license or permission to spear Sterring in the waters of B. bay, and Dundas Marsh, from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, in each year, during the time these fish are spawning, be now cancelled by the Hon. the Minister; so that these fish may be permitted to increase without being killed, speared, or molested by lights, nets or otherwise while spawning in B. bay, and Dundas Marsh.

And I further respectfully recommend that the Annual usual license, for to spear, pike, bass, and Sterring be still granted, in B. bay, and Dundas Marsh, from 1<sup>st</sup> of January, to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April next, at the usual rate of \$1. - when the spawning for these fishes will not be then interfered with.

I also attach, for your information, a copy of the printed Notice, issued by Mr. W. J. Whitaker, the Commissioner, - so that a new notice, with the alteration I have therein recommended may be at once issued by the Commissioner.

About 50, printed notices will be sufficient, and with due respect,

I Have &amp;c.

Hon. Minister.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

P.S. - B. bay, being the great spawning place for the Sterring every year, this matter is most respectfully submitted for your disposal, in the protection of these fishes.

J. W. Kerr  
D.O.

ILLEGAL SALE OF FISH.—Mr. Alexander Sheppard was summoned before the Police Magistrate Wednesday by Fishery Inspector Kerr for exposing trout for sale contrary to law. He was fined \$1 and costs.

FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE.—On Friday next Mr. J. W. Kerr, Fishery Inspector, will prosecute six men at St. Catharines before J. W. Keating, J. P., for fishing without a license on Lake Ontario, at the mouth of Twenty-mile creek, on the 4th of October last.

aid.

7. November 1879. —

I have the honor to report, that on Saturday night, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October last, in Lake Ontario, at the mouth of the Great White Creek, which is in the Township of South, and County of Lincoln. —

1. Mr Henry Wisniskey = Warden, County of Lincoln. —
2. — " — Bent Smith, of Jordan, County Constable, —
3. — " — Absalom Strawberry. — of Jordan, — Yeoman. —
4. — " — ~~Alexander~~ <sup>Robert</sup> Cooke. — of Jordan. — do. —
5. — " — Absalom Foster, of South, Labourer, and
6. — " — Gordon Foster, his son, a boy of 16, years old.

Fished for, caught and killed fourteen bushel baskets full of cat fish and bass; with a small seine, after 8 o'clock p.m., say about 9 p.m. with one haul; and without a license, from the department of Fisheries, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. —

I had the parties summoned before James W. Keating, Esq. J. P., of St. Catharines, this day. —

They pleaded guilty. — The four just named, were fined two dollars each and three dollars, and sixty eight cents costs; which they paid. —

Absalom Foster, was fined one dollar, and three dollars, and sixty eight cents cost, which he got time to pay. — I did not prosecute the boy.

The small seine, was confiscated, per sub-section 14. of Section 13. of the Fisheries Act. —

And with due respect

Yours &c.  
Hon: Magistrate, &c.

I have &c.  
John H. Ross  
J.P.

Saturday, 8. November 1879. —

At Toronto, and Buffalo Creek, thence to the mouth of the Creek, found all regular, made enquiry from Mr. Thomas Shields, about a light he saw on Friday night at the mouth of the Creek, and a point, slate or dark colour with 2. young men he saw there at 12 o'clock, next day, who had 2. bags, and a gun, and who rowed out in said boat at point, and rowed West towards Frenchman's bay. The bags he suspected had, or might have had, fish and fish salmon, in them; I arranged with Mr. Shields, who engaged to mind the mouth of the Creek for \$20. — to end of season time; went out at 7.30. a.m. came in at 7 p.m. Miles 70. Pay for \$2. 44. 00. 1.50. dinner 50. tea 25. of, had 25. of, —

Sunday 9. November 1879. —

At Duffins Creek, up the Little Rouge to Maxwell's Mill, saw Mr. Maxwell, and enquired about the Salmon. — heard that Yankee Pete Josling, had been up the Creek several times, was up there that morning; then I ascended the Big Rouge back down to the Kingston Road; from thence to the Miland Creek, to see David Brindle, from whom I learned that Salmon were seen by him in Miland Creek last fall of 1878. — That Harry Sloan never minded these fish in the Rouge; nor did his father mind them in Miland Creek; and that Yankee Pete, was more reliable than either of the sloons; back to Baker's Hotel and got dinner for two 50¢ thence to Frenchman's Bay. — saw Mr. Mansfield, who informed me that Sal. Wright, and young Stoner, was fishing at Shoal point. — thence to the mouth of Duffins Creek, examined the place where the fish had been seen by Fields. — Lewis Hotel keeper was with me. thence home to Duffins Creek. — Miles 30, \$4.00 B. 2.00, Breakfast 25, tea 25, dinner 25. Mr. Mansfield told me a large Salmon was found last month (October) dead near the mouth of the Creek; and he showed me where two Salmon were seen by him, last fall in the Big Rouge; Mr. Graham told me, that he saw a Salmon bed, near the old bridge on the flats. —

Monday, 10. November 1879. —

At Shoal point, found a fishing net on the beach, it was not there on Saturday evening, when I visited the place, with Mr. John Jordan; — It was 6.30. a.m. this morning, when Mr. Lewis, and I examined the place, saw a small Boat, with sail going towards Frenchman's Bay. — supposed to be Sal. Wright, and young Abe; Stoner. — Back to Duffins Creek, examined the Creek carefully, saw about 10 Salmon beds; and one large Salmon, the Creek in good condition the water rather muddy. thence to Toronto and Hamilton. breakfast, and dinner 75, \$4.00 B. 2.00, My fare #2, went out at 5. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. — Miles 72. —

Instructed Mr. John Jordan and his son, a most particular, in the careful protection of the Salmon. — and to be sure and report every little incident that may happen. —



Sir,

11, November 1899. —

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday morning last, I proceeded from here to Duffin's Creek, in your direction, I made some inquiries and asked where your ~~small~~ fires, have been quite close to the edge of the waters of this creek, and where the water is deep; my suspicions are, that the persons (2) seen by Mr. Shields, had been fishing a small net, during the night, he discovered the fire; for if not, why was the fire made so close to the water's edge, and not back towards the high bank of the stream? I suppose they went out to warm themselves, as the night was cold. —

While the water, in the lake and river water, is in a rapid, the water is shallow, not over 18 inches deep at present, where unloaded teams, &c, can be safely driven across, but a little further up the creek, from this crossing place, the water becomes suddenly very deep, and it was just in close proximity to this deep water the fires were made on the sand bank of the creek.

It has always <sup>been</sup> laid down as a rule amongst men, who have speared salmon in days gone by, that when these fish just enter the salmon streams, to spawn, from the lake, they remain for some short time there; before they move further on, why it is, or for what reason, I am not yet prepared to say; perhaps fatigue after a long journey. —

I examined, and saw seven beds in Duffin's Creek and I saw one very fine salmon yesterday morning, being one of a pair, that commenced to make their bed on the previous night, in the creek, above the Road Bridge near Clarke's House. —

The water in the creek, which has been unusually low, commenced to rise on Sunday, and I am still hopeful, abundance of water is, by this time, in Duffin's Creek, the snow having melted, and the rain having fallen on Saturday night last, has given me cause to be thankful in this respect. —

I have also carefully examined the Big and Little Koug, where I found the water in abundance. —

I wish something could be done, to prevent persons with guns, from going continually about salmon streams. — I saw on Saturday evening last four young men, all armed with guns, lying and rolling on the beach, at the mouth of Duffin's Creek, but on perceiving they were watched, they put 'off. —

I wish something in the way of a public notice could be immediately issued by the Commissioners, for posting up about these salmon streams.

with due respect,  
 An. Elliott,  
 4. 4.  
 I have the  
 John W. Lee,  
 3.0.

P.S. The Salmon were early up last fall. They  
 will I apprehend be late this.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir —

11. November 1879. —

I have the honor to report for your information  
 that on receipt of a letter, I received from John Gordon, on  
 Affie's Creek, Township of Pickering, on Saturday last, I proceeded  
 to the mouth of Haffins Creek in an expedition I made, I found that  
 fish had been seen on the beach, at the mouth of the River on  
 Thursday night, the 30<sup>th</sup> of October last, about 12 o'clock, by  
 Thomas Fields, a respectable farmer, who lives quite close to  
 Lake Ontario, and on the East Bank of the river. —

It never entered Mr. Fields' mind at the time, any thing of  
 about the Salmon. He thought some person shooting, might  
 have built the fire and the matter ended until 12 o'clock,  
 the next day. —

About 12 o'clock day, Friday, Mr. Fields, who had been  
 returning from Frenchmans Bay, after delivering a load  
 of grain, came to the mouth of the Creek, so as to cross  
 over with his team, to his own place, which he is in  
 the habit of doing, where he observed two young men  
 about 20 years of age, each, wearing a dark colored coat,  
 painted, which they were standing in the Lake, Ontario,  
 at the time one of the men had a gun, and on the  
 side of the line to mouth, up the beach about 30 yards  
 they pitched two bags one of them quite full, the soft in  
 appearance as if it contained a lot of some kind the  
 other bag, from its appearance might contain some fish.  
 After looking at the spot, with the bags in it, the men  
 rowed west in the direction of Frenchmans Bay. —

On 31<sup>st</sup> of October last, I had written Mr. John Gordon  
 my suspicions of a fisherman, whom I had seen, he built  
 a plot to catch Salmon, and requested that he would  
 pay particular attention to the mouth of the Creek and if  
 he discovered any traces of a plot being carried on, or  
 other suspicious marks to appear — at once, however  
 the result, and the cause of this report. —

The mouth of Haffins is about three miles  
 from the G. I. R. — above an island which, however  
 is a very numerous and abundant source of fish.

here most watchful attention is always necessary. -  
 I have therefore come to the conclusion that Mr.  
Thomas Fields, should receive \$20, for to watch and  
 protect the salmon at the mouth of Duffin Creek, he  
 has been always friendly, and has occasionally given  
 me, valuable information; I engaged his services for  
 the balance of the salmon spawning season and he  
 will watch nightly at the mouth of the Creek. -

This arrangement or engagement is of course  
 made by me with Mr. Fields, subject to your  
 approval. -

I Have &c.  
 John D. Kerr  
 T.O. -

P.S.

A careful and cautious enquiry is now on foot  
 to ascertain who those young men are and what their  
 business was at the mouth of the Creek, on the oc-  
 casion referred to, the result, I will report to you. -

J. W. Kerr  
 T.O.

### "Memorandum" - No Starling Spawning. -

As a manifest decrease in the catch of  
 Starling by licensed gill net fishermen in Lake On-  
 tario, during this season, is ascribed to the prac-  
 tice of spearing those fish during their spawning  
 time in November and December, which has heret-  
 ofore been allowed under special Licenses at B. Bay,  
 from 10<sup>th</sup> November, to 15<sup>th</sup> December. -

The Hon. The Minister sanctions an alteration,  
 viz., - That the spearing of bass, pike and herring  
 under licenses, be in future permitted from 1<sup>st</sup>  
 of January, to the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. -

And Mr. J. W. Kerr, T.O., informs parties in-  
 terested accordingly. -

Hamilton, Ont.

11. November 1879.



12, November 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication in  
 letter I have just received from you. Thomas had a / of lot  
 2 is, - Pound, 1st - licensed fishermen on Lake Erie, apply-  
 ing for permission to fish a line on Lake Erie between point Abino  
 and Shishlers or Hares point, for the balance, of this year. -

I have much pleasure in recommending that the same  
 be immediately granted. - And as Mr. Thomas Ramsey, has al-  
 ready paid of 60,- for the privilege of fishing 2. point fish,  
 please refer to my letter of 27<sup>th</sup> of August last, I have  
 to strongly recommend that this privilege be granted without  
 any further license fee being necessary. - The place being  
 already within his license limits, which according to the  
 accompanying letter alludes to one Mr. Ramsey, has not been  
 as successful as I would wish, in consequence of  
 severe storms, &c. - And believe me with due re-  
 spect,

Yours &c  
 John D. Ramsay

Wm. H. Harrison

Copy. -

Dear Sir,

12, Nov: 1879.

I beg leave most respectfully to solicit a favor  
 if not interfering with my lease as it is at your disposal, to  
 allow me the privilege as the license is about) to be to  
 make a few hauls, with a line, as I did not begin fish-  
 ing for some weeks after my lease commenced and re-  
 cently the severe storms have been such preventing me  
 for two weeks past - hindering any fish. - and the nets  
 very much injured taking some time to repair them. -

I am sorry to say, John, my son, has sustained  
 considerable loss by destruction and injury to his nets,

I am &c Sir

Yours  
 Wm. H. Harrison

Yrs. truly,  
 John D. Ramsay

Stationery. 45<sup>th</sup> Telegraph 25<sup>th</sup>

P.S. - a photo. inserted by me, with your consent in vol. 1. of  
 the 1st. to 6. to the 1st. of these

My dear Sir,

Stanning made my report, respecting the fire seen by Thomas Fields at the mouth of Duffin Creek, on Thursday night the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1879. —

I am requested by the Hon. the Minister to enquire of you, where you were on that occasion, and at the time the fire was seen by Fields. —

Have you seen Sal. Wright, and did you hear anything more. You will have to exert yourself, and continue to be all over, — And impress upon Stephen how necessary it is for him, to be vigilant. — Be careful in keeping your diary — so as to be always in a position to answer questions. —

How many Salmon, came in since I returned home. — Answer this immediately giving me all particulars.

Y<sup>rs</sup> sincere  
John W. S.

Mr. John Gordon Esq.  
Justice of the Peace  
Duffin Creek,

13. Nov: 1879.

"Private, and Confidential."

At five, or six o'clock, with 2 young men, one having a gun and two bags, with perhaps a shot and fish in them, were seen at the mouth of Duffin Creek on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October last they rowed west from the Creek, in the direction of Frenchman's Bay. — The young men were about 20 years old each, can you find out who they were be on the look out for a part of the description given, be vigilant in this matter.

Y<sup>rs</sup> &c

John W. S.

Mr. John Gordon Esq.  
Port Union,

Hamilton, Onto 11. Nov: 1879.

Wednesday, and Thursday, on P. S. Wright's  
Circulating Station. That speaker's job Stanning will  
not be permitted before 1<sup>st</sup> of January next. —  
Two dinners 50¢ each 1.50¢  
Two dinners 50¢ each and Cuts 10¢.

Rose & P. — 1.50¢ & 1.50¢

Miles 40. — 2¢ 4.25¢

Sir,

13. November 1879. —

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, in reply to mine of 11<sup>th</sup> instant. —

And in which I recommended an additional Guardian, being engaged at the mouth of Duffins Creek, in the person of Mr Thomas Fields. —

I may here say, that Mr John Gordon <sup>sr</sup> and his son Stephen, are at present engaged as Guardians: — Stephen watches all night, from light to light; whilst John Gordon watches the Salween and Salween beds during day time, so that in fact either John Gordon, or his son is always on the watch. — and John Gordon frequently makes night and day trips in a boat to the mouth of the Creek. —

I cannot positively state where John Gordon, the regular Guardian was, the night the fire was seen by Fields at the mouth of the Creek. I will enquire of him, but by his last letter to me, copy herewith he was at the mouth on 1<sup>st</sup> instant, as his letter to me of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, in reply to mine of 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo, copies attached will show you.

I have no desire to see Mr John Gordon's engagement cancelled, unless you do; I ask that Mr Thomas Fields, be engaged at the additional sum of \$20. for the balance of the season; there is in my humble opinion a necessity for this! besides it will not relieve John Gordon, from any of his present duties. — I leave the matter altogether in your hands, and better judgement.

I Have

John W. Scott

D.O.

My dear Sir,

I only receive your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> instant, and having submitted the same to the Hon. the Minister, with my recommendation that the same be at once granted. — I have much pleasure in communicating to you, that he has complied with your request.

I also send you copies of the Correspondence, I made and received on the subject, and believe me, I deeply regret to learn from you, the misfortune your son ~~to~~ self have had to submit to, and believe me

Yours sincerely,  
Thos Ranney Esq  
Hon Sec.

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Scott  
D.O.

14. Nov. 1879.

Here Copies follow



My dear Pete. - 10. November 1879. -

On Saturday, when going down to Huffer's Ch., I thought I observed you, and Harry Mason, at the mouth of the Range, you on the Frenchman's Bay side, and a dog. - Harry on Port Union side with a gun and I might. - - -

On Sunday, yesterday with a Salmon friend, I examined the Little Range carefully, up as far as Mr. Maxwell's Mill, and the Big Range down as far as the drift wood, near Kingston Road. - It appears to me there is a sufficient supply of water in the Little Range for all Salmon purposes, do you think so; and what a splendid place for the Salmon to spawn in. - Mr. Maxwell told me, he sees you occasionally across, and Mr. Graham, whom I saw talking his sheep, asked me, if I had seen you that morning, (Sunday) going along his flats. -

And now Pete, as regards that dead Salmon you saw, did you get his head for me; Mr. Maxwell told me he had heard of a large dead Salmon, been seen near the mouth of the Range; did you see this one, and what was it like? - and why don't you report; have you seen any live Salmon yet, or Salmon beds; what have you honestly to say on this subject. -

I saw Mr. Bowman, David Brandle, Mr. Graham in George Black's old place, I depend upon you to be active and attentive in your duties as Guardian, note every thing, in the Salmon way for me, and write me at least once a week, do your duty as you pledge yourself to me, you would like a man, and believe me,

Hamilton, Ont.  
11. Nov. 1879.

Yours truly,  
John W. Kerr  
G.O.

Sunday, 17. November 1879. - -

Mr. Black's found all Salmon in company with Mr. J. W. Black. Saw about 12 white birds up as far as the dam above the Railway Bridge above which no Salmon can get back from the Bay. That 2 Salmon were seen on the Creek up on the flats above the dam. He saw a man in the place where it was. Went out at 11 A.M. and at 4 P.M. - 54 By fare 80¢ dinner 75 - 144 1.50.

Saw Mr. Thos. Robertson M.P. about speaking for the Salmon. He is willing to have it permitted this fall, as previous had the fish the drift wood.

My dear Mr. Whitaker -

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. John Jordan, by Guardian of Haffner Creek, which reads as follows -  
 "That persons have been found, and killing salmon, at the mouth of the Creek." -

I shall now do all in my power and my what I can do, to prevent them. -

W. S. Whitaker Esq.

C. P. B. B. B.

Whitaker.

Yours, &c. &c. &c.

John W. B. B.

Y. B. B. 1879. -

My dear Sir,

Yours received. I am glad to hear that 12) New salmon beds have made their appearance and that the water has risen in the Haffner Creek, & that the water has risen off, you will I suppose find abundance of salmon in salmon beds. Keep your day carefully; just as you see in fish things daily; and impress upon your son Stephen, the necessity, there is for him doing the same. -

Keep up still the vigilance, you have commenced at the beginning as the month is always worth guarding; if you! as well as I of the Haffner Creek. -

The people, the fishing, & the Haffner, at Ottawa, really think you are Stephen - should be able to go to the Haffner Creek, without any of those fields to help! However I told them; his engagement would not relieve you, in your fixed duties. -

I wonder what Sal. Wright has to tell me; after a while, I will hear from him again. -

Mark down in your diary daily, every stream arrival of salmon in the Haffner and the place, where all fresh beds are commenced, and completed, so that if any person from Ottawa, is inquisitive to know where the beds are, they can be directed to the right spot. -

Georgian - rapid - should have beds by this time! examine every day, closely, and grasp the Haffner for nets - John W. B. B. are all now are not to be trusted. -

With very kind regards, as usual. -

Believe me

Mr. John Jordan Esq.  
 C. P. B. B. B.  
 Haffner's Creek -

Yours, &c. &c. &c.

John W. B. B.

Y. B. B. 1879.

My dear Wilcox,

In consequence of the recent rains:- I should think this time abundance of Salmon should be now in the River.

The Authorities in Ottawa, should be always in a position from his daily and nightly visits, to note every Salmon arrival. - Be vigilant, by night and by day. -

Mr J. J. Goy. - Barrister. Toronto has been appointed by the Hon. the Minister of Justice, Ottawa - to appear for the Crown at Brampton. - So you need not fret yourself to death.

It will be necessary for you, to see Robert Goy Esq. J. P. - and apprise him. - Note down everything connected with the Pichest cases so as to have it at hand when asked for it, also when asked for it, you may have had with Henry, John and Enock at any time about the offences committed by them. - We must not go to Brampton, with our fingers in our mouths. -

I will run down some morning, with the early train, so be on the look out for me. -

Yours truly,  
J. J. Goy. Esq. J. P.  
Brampton

7. Nov. 1879.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1879. -

On B. Street, also across point, Wau Youngs, Little Notch, and others; - Thence to Mat, and Luke Thompsons Boat Houses, and down Bay street to the Bay and Hospital, notified persons about the spearing, thence home, - went out at 9. a.m., came in at 5. p.m. saw Thomas Robertson Esq. J. P. about the Her-ving Spearing, having received a telegraph, from Mr. Whitaker, Commissioner of Fishes, after which I answered Mr. Whitakers telegraph, and subsequently received an answer from him to permit Her-ving Spearing from this day until 15<sup>th</sup> of December next in R.B. Bay. - Notified the public that the above papers of the changes - while about 16 H & B. 1.50. dinned for two 50¢

Telegraphs attached herewith.





reply to those inquiries. I have to report to you  
 formed by Mr James Wynne, P. M., and at pre-  
 sent Customs Officer - at Queenston: That during the year 1864, he  
 was appointed -- "The Ordnance department, handed over  
 to Fisheries at Queenston, on the N. River, to the Crown Land depart-  
 ment. Captain Baxter, of Niagara had charge of them at the  
 time.

Mr John Oliver, a Surveyor, measured off the fishing  
 stations and Colonel's Coffin and Gyskey, and Captain Baxter  
 and others went on the ground approved of the stations, and had  
 a plan made of the same and lithographed plans after-  
 wards.

These fishing stations in Niagara River have ever since,  
 remained in the hands of the Ordnance Land de-  
 partment of the Government at Queenston.

I had my limits extended as far as the N. River,  
 as per letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1865 being appended in place  
 of Captain Baxter, who had just retired at the  
 time of his death and it appears that the charge of the  
 lands as the Ordnance Lands at Queenston and N. R.

On 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1865, I saw Col: Coffin at his request, here, in  
 Hamilton and the copy of a letter, herewith, will now convince you  
 I hope that the Ordnance lands were then, 24<sup>th</sup> April 1865, under the  
 control of Col: Coffin, and the fisheries, in the N. River, at Queens-  
 ton, was under the Fisheries Branch of the C. L. department  
 of the Government.

Mr Fox, son in law of the late Col: Coffin, was  
 appointed to take charge of the Ordnance Lands, at Niagara  
 and Queenston, after Captain Baxter's death; Mr Fox, soon  
 after died and Mr Douglas of "Fort Erie" was ap-  
 pointed to take charge of the Ordnance Lands at  
 Queenston: Since then the Ordnance Lands at Queenston  
 on the N. River, were nearly all sold and leased  
 by Mr John Douglas, for a term of years, or so much  
 of those Ordnance at Queenston, on the Niagara River, as is re-  
 presented on the enclosed tracing of a plan herewith  
 showing you the same.

For information you require, I have no doubt  
 the late Col: Coffin kept up in his office at  
 Queenston, all the fishing  
 stations, up the Niagara River, above the old S. Bridge, at  
 Queenston, from fishing station No: 1, which commenced under  
 this No: and went up the River to station 19, inclusive. --  
 All down the N. River, from Queenston wharf there is  
 station No: 1, to 2, now are then occupied by Mr Henry  
 Sheppard.





...ed insulting, and threatening language, towards J. J. Wil-  
 ... - Stated the kels. I found in the smoke house  
 were caught by a long line with hooks thereon, and if I  
 ask he would show them to me,  
 ... - He was very insulting in his lan-  
 ... and demeanour.

hence I went to Toronto, to see Mr. J. J. Hay,  
 Society Chambers - Corner of Adelaide and Victoria  
 Sts. - He was at home, and I took down a memorandum of what I told him,  
 hence to the fish market, and home. - - -

... out at 5. a. m., came in at 8. p. m. -  
 Miles 100. - My fare of 2.00 & dinner 75-50. 84 & B.  
 2.50 & - Chas. J. Kerr, brought up the boat, from Wexford to Bos-  
 ton. -

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1879. -

On the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. I notified the public, that spearing for Herring, was allowed  
 in B. bay, from 20<sup>th</sup> of November, to 15<sup>th</sup> December,  
 went out at 9. a. m., came in at 5.30. p. m. saw  
 Elliot, Thompson, S. Wheeler, Vincent Little, and Hiram  
 Yakes, - Miles 20. 84 & B. of 1.50, - Dinner for two. 50.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 1879. -

At Dan. Youngs, Hiram Yakes, Vincent Little  
 and S. Wheeler, - warned them, as I had done before  
 that - No spearing was permitted from 6. o'clock, on,  
 Saturday night, until 6. a. m. on the following  
 Monday morning. - - - gave printed notices about the  
 spearing to Little, Wheeler and Yakes for circulation  
 all round. - Chas. Smith (Coloured) paid me \$1.  
 for spearing license, went out at 4.20. p. m., came  
 in at 8. p. m. C. J. Kerr, with me. - 84 & B. 1.50  
 Miles 12. -

John Little & Hiram Yakes, was out on  
 Friday night. - Hiram saw two Herring and he  
 speared one of them. - Hiram had permission to  
 spear. -

I have the honor to inform you that I have been in the case against Joseph P. Smith, and John H. Hunt, for fishing without a license, and obstructing the claim of the Mine Credit, with the help of a fishing apprentice who has been appointed against us per writ of habeas corpus of 27th of September, and 18th of October, 1877.

I find I have again the last regulation in the case published in the Canada Gazette, and the Gazette, which publishing the same: it reads thus:

Fishing by means of boats, or other appliances except rods, lines, or baits. It is prohibited at all times and places, is prohibited in all the waters of Canada.

Will you be pleased to send me a dozen sheets of the Gazette extra, in which the same is published. I will send you the same.

Yours faithfully,  
Hon. Minister

Edw. H. Hunt

Sir,

24th November 1877

I have the honor to inform you that it will be necessary to have the witnesses in attendance at the trial of the case of Joseph P. Smith, and John H. Hunt, for fishing without a license, and obstructing the claim of the Mine Credit, which they have appealed against.

James J. Wilkey, Esq. Guardian Port Credit, and John H. Hunt, Esq. are the parties who are required to be present.

I have the honor to respectfully request you to be present at the trial on the 20th of December, at 10 o'clock, at the Court House, as required by the J. J. Fox Council, to be in attendance.

Yours faithfully,  
Hon. Minister

I have the honor to  
Edw. H. Hunt

25. Nov. 1879. —

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank  
 of New York, for the sum of Fourteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for Spear-  
 ing licenses in N. bay, for Sterring, from 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov-  
 -ber, to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1879. —

And Spear- ing for Sterring, Mass, and Pike, in N.  
 bay, and Dundas Marsh, from 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, to the 20<sup>th</sup>  
 day of April 1880. — For this amount, I have issued Spear-  
 ing licenses, bearing this date, to the undermentioned per-  
 sons: viz. —

1. David Stock, East Gloucester, ✓	1.00.
2. Levi Baker, do. —	1.00.
3. Abraham E. Baker, do. —	1.00.
4. Albert Lyons. — do.	1.00.
5. Brock Lyons. — do.	1.00.
6. John Lyons. — do.	1.00.
7. Wm. Raspberry. — do. ✓	1.00.
8. John D. Baker. — do. ✓	1.00.
9. Saml. Platt. do.	1.00.
10. Lewis Miles. — do.	1.00.
11. Charles Smith, Stratton. — (Col. Smith)	1.00.
12. Robert Hamilton do. —	1.00.
13. John Phillips. do. —	1.00.
14. James Pring, do	1.00. —
Total, \$ 14.00.	

I Have &amp;c.

Wm. Hamilton

John W. Kent

T.O.

Monday. 24. Nov. 1879. —

On the heights, collected off 13. For Spear- ing licenses  
 as above. — There was 9 Spear- ing lights out, they came to  
 a fish. — Then from James Pring, that he saw a  
 person haul in a gill net, in a small shooting shiff  
 on row toward the Valley Dam. —

Went out at 1. p.m. came in at 9. p.m. Rides in  
 H-1 B. 1.50. Supper for two 50¢. C. G. Kent with  
 me. —



My dear Sir,

27. October 1879,

Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, was duly received.  
I called at your office, in Toronto, on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, and one of your  
Clerks, took from me a Memorandum for you. —

I now send you the Regulation in Council, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> of  
August 1870, by which the Patchets were debarred from fishing in  
Rivers Credit, except under a license from the Department of Marine  
and Fisheries. —

This Regulation is published in 'The Canada Gazette, Ottawa,  
Saturday, August 27, 1870. — and I hold at present a  
my possession for to produce in Court at Mrampton. —

Will you please read, Section 19, and Sub section 2, of  
Section 19. of the Fisheries Act, on this head. —

And believe me, with due respect,

Yours Obediently,  
John W. Baker.

J. W. Baker Esq.  
Toronto.

Private,

27. Nov: 1879.

My dear Wilcox, —

You will find it for me all the con-  
venience you can to prove they saw the Patchets & fish in  
Boy traps apparatus, in the River Credit, and that the same  
men take fish out of the River & — let me have  
them immediately. —

And I will be ready by Monday next to go on  
with the case again. — take care of the fish and fish  
skins for me. —

Yours Truly,  
Jas. F. Wilcox Esq.  
J.F.

J. W. Baker.  
J.W.B.

Wednesday, 26. Nov: 1879. —

At the Straights. Wm Bolton, J. East, paid me one dollar.  
Wm Brewer, spoke to me for a spearing license. —

Five spears out, also fish. — delivered Levi Baker  
Abraham E. Baker, Charles Smith, Wm Kasher, about  
Lyons, Brock Lyons, Robert Hamilton, & John Phillips  
their Licenses, went on Basteen's Hill, and took a view  
all round. — went out at 12. Noon, came in at 8.  
p.m. Miles 16. AN B. 1.50. C. F. Baker & Co.

Thursday, 24, November 1879. -

At Chas: Williams Oil Factory, examined the premises carefully all over, found nothing wrong. - saw the foreman who is in charge, and he pledged himself to obey the law. - and would keep the Oil <sup>the</sup> out of the Inlet. S. S. Curtis, gave me information that the Oil was being run into the Inlet, it was not correct. -

Went out at 10. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. Miles 16. 144 B. 1.50. C. J. Kerr, #1. -

Friday, 28, November 1879. - - -

B. 12. 4.  
H. R. 1.

On N. beach, from John Leavors, around by Wellingtons and the Heights, Thomas Loie - paid me \$3. on a/c. and Harry Redmond \$1. for spearing, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - Miles 50. 144 B. 2.00. Dinner \$1.33. C. J. Kerr, with me. -

Saturday 29, November 1879. -

On the Heights, no person spearing, had a conversation with Billy Masbury, Jack Ouel, and Silas Wheeler. - Read the law respecting the Sabbath Close Season - He, went out at 5. p.m. came in at 11. p.m., also at Wharf near J. W. Key. found nothing wrong. - Miles 16. - 144 B. 1.50. C. J. K. with me. -

Sunday, 30, November 1879. -

At Fages Inlet - saw a fishermans boat out, going East. sails taken down, and Rowing commenced and continued. went out at 10. a.m. came in at 3. p.m. - Miles 4. 144 B. 1.50. C. J. Kerr with me. -

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 1879. -

At Clarkins, corners, - thence to Port Credit, and back to Hamilton - up on the Heights. - Luke Mulloch, and Chris: Deagle paid me \$1. each for spearing: went out at 6. a.m. came in at 9.30. p.m. Miles 96. My fare. 2.60. dinner, breakfast and tea \$1. - C. J. Kerr with me on - night -

2. December 1879.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, in reply, to mine of the 24<sup>th</sup> in reference to my intention of prosecuting Enoch Patchet by "for having erected a dam in his possession, illegally caught by his sons, in the River Credit, with a box trap apparatus, in contravention of the fishers act".

And with your instructions, to take no further legal proceedings in the matter, until so directed by the Magistrate.

In reply, I beg most respectfully to report, that your orders will be strictly attended to, on my part.

There is no objection whatever, in allowing seals, to be caught under proper licenses, from the department, in the River Credit, as they devour Salmon and bass eggs, and the fry of these and other valuable fishes, being very numerous in the River Credit.

I do not consider the box trap apparatus business, as a cloak, used and fished to catch Salmon in the River Credit, exclusively. - But what I did complain of was, that in setting this box trap apparatus in the main channel of the River Credit, at the lower end of a rushing rapid, made more rapid by the construction of a stone wall, - leaning from edge of stream, direct to box trap, over which no fish can pass; hence fish of all kinds while descending the stream, have no other place, but this box trap seal weir apparatus, to go in, as the water in a body rushes in, and on through the box trap seal weir apparatus, just as fast, perhaps faster, than over the rest of the rapid, but in every instance the seals, and all other kinds of fish, always remain in the box trap, and there.

I am much obliged for your suggestion, and I have the honor to recommend that seals may in future be permitted to be caught under a license in the River Credit, under legal restrictions, in conformity with the provisions of the fishers act, its rules, orders, and regulations in Council.

Hoping this will meet your approval.

I have &c

John Wilson  
Jr.

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Decr. 1879.

Making enquiries about gill nets, heard from little Jack, and Massey, that fillaw of Washbay had a net, - about the Bay several hours. - E. J. K. - went out at 9 a.m. came in at 1 p.m. - all day.



Thursday, 4, December 1879.

On B. Heights, Rock bay, Carrolls point, Bastien  
and on the Bay, grappling for Gile nets - found none  
went out 9. a.m. came in at 12. - all night.  
Miles about 24. H & B. \$2 - dinner and tea 75¢  
C. J. & Ed. Kerr, with me -

Mr. H. L. Bastien - paid me \$5. for fishing sta-  
tion on B. beach. and that Thompson paid me \$3.  
for the dinner. Another \$2. paid Bastien \$1. X

James J. Wilcox  
Chief Justice  
Port Credit.

Telegraph to Credit.  
25.4.5

My dear Sir,

You will re-  
quire to be in Brampton, on next Tuesday  
morning the 9<sup>th</sup> of December instant when the  
Court of Quarter Sessions opens there, for  
the County of Peel. -

You will also require to have Mark Rey-  
nolds, as his father there, with you, - witnesses  
in the case of the Brown - vs. Enoch, and  
John Patchet.

Will you please find  
eight dollars, towards paying expenses. -

Hamilton, Onto.

5. Dec: 1879.

Yrs. Obedt.  
John D. Kerr,  
J.D.

Friday, 5, December 1879.

At Port Credit, delivered above letter, to Jas: J. Wilcox -  
with its contents of \$8. two 4. dollar bills. - Thence on to the  
City of Toronto, and saw Alex: Macnech, Esq. Solicitor  
and his partner, in case of Percival vs. Jas: Simpson -  
Licensed fisherman on the Beach, Toronto Bay. - - -

Thence to the Law Office of Messrs. Fry & Co -  
about attending at Brampton on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> instant  
in appeals. The Crown, vs. Patchet, for illegal fish-  
ing. He went out 10. a.m. came in at 10. p.m. -  
having gone up to the Heights - about speaking -  
Miles 92. H & B. \$2. - dinner 55¢. 144 B. 1.50.  
S. Kerr, -

James Maguire paid \$1. L. S. J. J.

21

December 1879. —

In answer to your letter, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 1879. —

I beg most respectfully to report to you, for the information of the Auditor General, that the following statement comprises the articles and stores belonging to the Fisheries Department, at present in my possession, and are by me in the discharge of my duty as Fisheries Overseer. —

1. One Colt Revolver, (pistol,) 5 Chambers, including Cases, &c. worth about  
in good Order. — 20.00.
  2. A Spy glass, do. — 20.00.
  3. One Boat, 3 pair of Oars, a paddle & sail, all in good  
Order. — worth about — 50.00.
  4. A small boat, for Duff & crew, with 2 Oars, and a paddle,  
worth about — 15.00.
  5. One hatchet, worth about — 2.00.
  6. Two Barrels — and four fine sails — for transporting live fish,  
and gill, in good Order, worth — 10.00.
  7. A good Sloop Net, for catching bass, &c. for foot ponds,  
&c. &c. in good Order, — worth — 20.00.
  8. Two Lines — with rope — warranted for a Contravention of  
the Fisheries Act. — now for sale, worth about — 40.00.
  9. One Cape line, — worth — 1.50
- Total, \$184.50
10. In addition to the foregoing, I have 3 grapples, and lines, worth  
three dollars. — 18.
  11. Foolscap paper, — in my possession at present. — Three quires, —  
for daily use. — —
  12. Two copies, "Official," — one of 65, large, and 24, small on hand. —
  13. Thirteen Blank Annual forms. — For reports of 1879. &c. —
  14. Twenty-two, Blank Quarterly Returns. —
  15. One Hundred and thirty, blank Vouchers. —
  16. One Hundred blank Complaints. —
  17. Seventy-two Summonses (blank,) for defendants. —
  18. Seventy-seven Subpoenas — do. —
  19. Thirty-two Convictions, do. —
  20. Twenty-nine Commitments — do. —
  21. Besides! 8 Letter Books containing copies of all my official  
correspondence, and reports — "diaries" — made by me to the  
Department, commencing on 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1864, and up to  
this present date inclusive. —
- My first appointment was made by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> A. Campbell Comptroller  
General — dated 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1864. —

And with great respect

I have &c. John W. L.

P.S. — I have a small Long point skiff, with 2  
Oars, and a pair of Oars — which I have paid \$20. — I use  
this occasionally, but I have not changed the department  
with it. —

respectfully  
John W. L.

Hon. Minister,

4. 9.

Sir.

8, December 1879. —

I have the honor to apply to you, for a cheque for One Hundred and forty five dollars — for to pay the

" On Guardians; viz.	
" On Duffins Creek, for year 1879. —	100.00.
" The Rouge, do,	25.00.
" The River Credit, Streetsville, do. —	20.00

Total \$ 145.00.

On receipt of money I will pay them off, get receipt in duplicate and transmit the same at once to the department.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. Kerr.

Wednesday, &amp; Tuesday, 9, December 1879. —

At Monmouth — attended General Session, the County of Peel. — In cases against John and Enoch Hatchet — see my report of the proceedings — dated 10<sup>th</sup> instant, in The Star: The Minister, —

Went out at 5, a.m. came in at 3, a.m. — the 10<sup>th</sup> instant — miles. Railway fare. — 3.30

Horse Team \$2. Breakfast dinner and tea \$1.00, gave Mark Reynolds and father \$3. — \$4.30. 1.50

\$7.30

Thursday 11, Dec: 1879. —

At the General Sessions of the Crown, attending in behalf of the Fisheries in case of Jas. Jones against Eliza McEvoy, John Hargreaves, George Dawson, and Sam: Corey, who appealed against Jas: Cahills Esq<sup>r</sup> J. J.'s decision, for catching white fish with an illegal seine, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. — went out at 9, a.m. came in at 6 p.m. — miles 8 1879 \$11.50

Friday 12, Dec: 1879. —

attended the General Sessions — in the above case a point of law being raised by Mr. Osler, the County Attorney, the Judge ruled that The Hon. The Minister alone was the person to appeal to, — went out at 8, a.m. came in 3.30 p.m. miles 8, — at J. W. R. depot, — \$4.30. 1.50



Sir: -

24. November 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Wednesday last, the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, when at Springfield, near the River Credit, township of Toronto, I met Frederick Shaper, an ex-fisherman, who informed me that if I went and searched Enoch Patchet Sr., I would find a quantity of smoked Eels there, part of those caught by John and Enoch Patchet Jr. his sons, in the Boy trap fishing apparatus, illegally set in River Credit, and for which they were fined as already reported to you. -

I went instantly there and I found fourteen Eels, and Eel skins, hanging up on an iron rod, and on nails driven in a piece of wood. - I took the same into my possession, and will shortly have Enoch Patchet Sr. tried for having those fish, illegally caught, in his possession. - For all particulars, see my reports of 29<sup>th</sup> of September last, and 26<sup>th</sup> of October last.

I have &amp;c.

Hon: Minister,

John W. Kerr  
T.O.

P.S. -

Put off, until I can procure suit -  
John W. Kerr

Sir: -

10. December 1879. -

With reference to my report of 24<sup>th</sup> of November last, reporting to you the seizure I made of smoked Eels, illegally caught in the River Credit, in continuation of the Fisheries Act. -

I would respectfully recommend, that the same be given to some poor people living in the neighborhood of Port Credit. - Hoping the same will meet your approval.

I have &amp;c.

Hon: Minister,

John W. Kerr  
T.O.

Telegraph. -

To

12. December 1879. -

W. B. Whitcher Esq.  
Commissioner of Fisheries  
Ottawa. -

Judge Swickard in General Sessions here sitting, has just ruled in Jones vs. McGeorge, et al.

an appeal against Magistrate's conviction; for fishing an illegal seine &c. That such appeals must in all cases be made to the Hon: The Minister of Marine and Fisheries alone. - Will report. -

John W. Kerr

T.O.

Sir,

10. December 1879. -

I have the honor to report, that on yesterday, before His Honor Judge Scott, in Manxton, at the Court of General Sessions for the County of Peel. - The Conviction against Enoch Patchet, Jr., of the township of Toronto, made by Robert Cox Esq. J.P., on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September last; - For obstructing the main channel of the River Credit, by fishing therein a Boy trap fishing apparatus, ~~erected~~ erected in a stone dam built across the said River Credit. The Contention of Sub section 4, of section 13. of the Fisheries Act, - was sustained!

This verdict was given by a Jury of twelve men. - The only evidence produced by me, to sustain the Conviction, was that of Mark Reynolds, an illiterate poor boy, of 14 years old, who saw Enoch, make the boy trap fishing apparatus, then firmly fixed in this dam in the main channel of the River Credit at the lower end of a rapid. - This boy also proved, that he saw Enoch, take Eels, shad and Bass, out of this boy trap fishing apparatus, which were given to him by the said Enoch Patchet Jr., for to sell; and that he got some of the Eels, that were caught therein. - - -

There was no proof to sustain the Conviction against John Patchet, and altho' a Jury was sworn, there was no evidence for to go to the Jury. - - -

I had James J. Wilcox, the Guardian, the boy, and the boys father in attendance at 1. o'clock, p.m., when the Court opened. -

Mr John M. Macdonald, Barrister, of the Law firm of Fry, and Co., - Toronto - who attended for the Fisheries department, discharged his duty ably, efficiently; and satisfactorily. - - -

Mr. Flemming, Counsel, for the appellants, said all he could, in behalf of his clients. -

Judge Scott, a most excellent gentleman, deserves my highest esteem and approval, for the honorable way in which he discharged his duty on the Bench. -

And with due respect.

I Have &c.,

Hon: Minister: &c. &c. &c.

John H. Kerr  
J.P.

P.S. I don't consider it necessary now, at present, to prosecute any further. - Henry Patchet, threatened to prosecute the boy. - If however, he should do so, I will ask for him, your protection.

J. W. Less  
J.P.

26, November 1879.

I have the honor to receive copy of Mr. John Mely's letter of application, for privilege of fishing 5, sets of Hoop nets in Ashkin or Toronto Bay; for the purpose of catching Cat fish, &c., during this winter; and sent to me by you to report upon. --

In reply I beg most respectfully to report that already, by orders issued by the department, only seine net fishing under license is permitted in Toronto Bay, and only within small fixed limits of the same. -- I cannot see any just reason why! this established rule should be now departed from; consequently, I will not recommend that Mr. John Mely's application be granted, so far as Toronto Bay is concerned. --

As regards Ashkin Bay: I don't know any such bay, perhaps Ashbridges Bay, is meant. --

If so! then I should say!! that a local resident fisherman, this Bay, being <sup>differently</sup> fixed, licensed for rick gill nets, should have the preference, if the department is disposed to grant the privilege now asked for. -- Ashbridges Bay, abounds in small fish, or small lots, but in fishing for them, with five sets of Hoop nets; bass of all kinds, pike, perch, and sun fish, blue and speckled, would be just as numerous as the Catfish; because invariably in the best channels, where fish run, it is that hoop "minute pound", nets are set. Besides! the vast multitude of Toronto people who angle still! as in times past, would desire, as they still deserve your consideration, as well as the local licensed fisherman in this respect. --

I am very well aware that there is a great abundance of Catfish in Ashbridges Bay; and that those fish when dropped will bring 7¢, a pound in Buffalo Market where they can be shipped daily. -- But I question if Mr. Mely would be willing to pay 10¢ for each net, say from this time, up to the 20<sup>th</sup> of April next, for to fish them in Ashbridges Bay under the law. -- Mr. Wm. Woodland, a licensed fisherman, with a young family living on the east end of Ashbridges Bay, did speak to me last spring, to know if he could or would be allowed to fish Hoop nets for these small Cat fish, when my answer was, No!!! After discussing the matter between us. --

Of course, if the department grant the permission, to the present applicant, or to Mr. Woodland, I am agreed, & as in duty bound, will be satisfied; feeling at the same time as I do, that it is my duty, to refer for your information, to all these things, as above. --



Then again! Mr John Bly, goes on to say; If you cannot get a license for the above mentioned place, can you, for Frenchman's Bay, three miles this side of Toronto. —

In reply to all this, I beg most respectfully to report, that I have no objection that a license should be at once issued to Mr John Bly, for to fish five hoop nets in Frenchman's Bay, at 5. each. say from this time, up to 20. April next, and I have much pleasure in recommending the same to be granted. — The license fee to be paid in to me. —

Mr Bly, however makes a big mistake, as Frenchman's bay, is 18 miles, instead of 3, from Toronto. My reason for the reduced price, per hoop net, — from 10 to 5, is, that Frenchman's bay, has no channels in it, and only one entrance <sup>into it</sup>, and one out of it, so that fish there will always get Joe's plug, even among hoop nets. — And with due respect,

Hon: Minister,

Y. Y. Y. 3

I have &c

John W. Jess.  
J.O.

Saturday, 13. December 1879. —

At Toronto, attending as a witness, for James Simpson, sued for accidentally breaking a row boat. — The trial to come up on Monday at 1. o'clock, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6.30. p.m. miles 90. 14 & B. 1.50. Ry fare <sup>2.00</sup> 2.00. dinner 50. —

Sunday, 14. December 1879. —

On M. beach, making enquiries about Sabbath fishing. — Saw: Mr Wynne told me J. H. Corey, had set his morning gill net on the small white fish bar. — And J. H. Corey, told me had set there. — Went out 9. a.m. came in at 2. p.m. miles about 20. 14 & B. 1.50.

Heard from John Gault, that Geo: Jones had been to him, to get his license. Gave it to him. — He also tried Ben: Holdo, but Ben: refused to let him see his. — Jones said Jack Gault, that J. H. Corey had not received any license — only a Receipt — a

My dear Sir and Brother,  
 Being the Oldest, and a Charter Member, and  
 Past Master of St. John's, please inform me why it is my  
 name is omitted from the List of Most Worshipful Masters,  
 eligible for the Office of Worshippful Master. -

To, J. A. Malcolm Esq  
 Secretary.  
 St. John's Lodge  
 No. 40.  
 Hamilton.

Yours fraternally,  
 John W. Kerr, R. M.,  
 St. John's No. 40.  
 Barton,  
 Hamilton, Onto.  
 12. Dec. 1879. -

My dear Sir,

Hamilton, 12. Dec. 1879.

You receive, and in reply to your enquiry,  
 if you are to proceed against these poor people, I  
 have only to say to you, you must not do any thing of  
 the kind. - Did I not read to you the Whitehead letter  
 to me, that I was not to press the matter too far. -

And to take no further steps against any person, unless  
 advised by him to do so. -

Should I then, Patrick, take proceedings against  
 Jack Reynolds, telegraph me at once as he cannot  
 protect. -

Yours Fr.  
 John W. Kerr,  
 P. M.,

To, J. Wilcox Esq  
 P. M.,  
 Port Credit.

Monday, 15. December 1879. -

At Toronto, attended trial of Charles Marsall vs. James Simpson  
 son, charged with damaging a Boat (racing shell) thence to  
 Whitby, and back to Buffins Creek, went out at 5. a. m.  
 came in at 11. p. m. - Miles 79. - Ry fare 2.25 - 144 B. 1.50.  
 Breakfast, dinner, tea and bed \$1.25. Boat 50¢. -

Tuesday 16. December 1879. -

At Buffins Creek, Frenchmans Bay, - back to French-  
 mans Bay, thence to Toronto and Norway, back to Tor-  
 onto and Hamilton, Ry fare \$2.00 144 B. 3.00, Break-  
 fast dinner 75¢, Miles 82. - - Telegraph 22¢.  
 25.7

12. December 1879. -

In the case of McGwynne et al, vs. Jones, an appeal against Police Magistrate James Cahill's Conviction,

"for fishing for, and catching white fish on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June in Lake Ontario, on N. beach, with a white fish seine net, having about four yards, by four yards of 3" mesh meshes in the net, in contravention of the fishing act." -

My former report to you dated 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1879, will give you all the particulars in this case. The spirit of revenge has been carried too far, by Jones and M. Gray, as against Eliza McGwynne, John Bayle Sam Gray and Jas. Dawson. -

I telegraphed you the result today, and saw you the remarks of the Hamilton Spectator, upon the case, brought to a sudden end today.

Mr. Gales, County Atty. and Clerk of the Peace for the County of Wentworth, has promised me a copy of Judge Sinclair's ruling. The appeals were dismissed without costs. I presume McGwynne and the other defendants will petition the Hon. The Minister when I will have much pleasure in recommending their petition for his favorable consideration. - I am glad and rejoiced that appealing to the General Session Court, has at last done an entirely end. -

W. J. W.

Commissioner

J. W.

I have &amp;c

John W. Wood. Esq.

Wednesday, 17. December 1879. -

At James Dulat, on inspection, thence to Hamilton, went out 12.50, p.m. came in at 5.15, p.m. Miles 8. 14 & C 1.50.  
 I telegraph to W. B. Woodard 25<sup>¢</sup> do - to Ottawa 50<sup>¢</sup> do - 25<sup>¢</sup> do

Thursday, 18. December 1879. - -

At Toronto, and Leileville to see W. B. Woodard, fisherman, and John Junsel, to get up my returns for 1879.

Also warned George and Charles Laing, against catching Muskrats - by cutting open the house - also warned Thomas Hetherington's father, - went out at 5. a.m. came in at 6.20. p.m. - 98 Miles - 14 & B. 3.00  
 Ref fare #2. dinner and breakfast 75<sup>¢</sup>



W. J. Whitaker,  
Comr. of Fisheries.  
Ottawa.

17 December 1879.

please cause James Baker, Police Magistrate,  
Hamilton, to postpone execution and all further  
proceedings in case - James J. McEugene, ap-  
peals dismissed at General Sessions. - Give me time to appeal by  
petition to the Privy Council. -

Eliza McEugene, B. bench. -

I respectfully recommend  
this. -  
J. H. W. H. H.

My dear Sir,

I enclose for you, per mail, a copy of the in-  
terrogatory, I sent you plus to Eliza to the Commission. -

I would recommend you to see Mr. John Barr, Solr,  
at once, and have him petition at once in the name of your  
wife and the other persons, the defendants. -

I think they have been badly treated, and I suppose Mr.  
Barr will tell you, Judge Sinclair's ruling is not just in  
Equity or Law. - Mr. Barr, I sent you to him, and show him  
the Interrogatory. -

J. H. W. H. H.

Yours, Eliza McEugene,  
B. Bench.

H. O. Hamilton, Ont.  
17 Dec: 1879.

My dear Pete,

19 Dec - 1879. -

I enclose you, a post office order, No: 3.172, cash,  
Hamilton, 19 December 1879. - for twenty five dollars. -

By forwarding this to Mr. J. H. W. H. H., post office, you  
will get the money. - I enclose you receipts in duplicate, which  
please sign and return to me. - A great many people have  
been circulating reports of a great many salmon seen in the  
Rouge, in Ottawa Creek. - Is this true or false? -

Andrew H. H. - a notable, living near the Rouge, told  
a friend of mine, there was abundance of salmon, in the Rouge,  
last September season. -

Now Pete, don't hurry me. - Just tell me  
all you know immediately. -

Mr. Peter Costine  
Port Huron - on  
J. D. H. H. H. -

J. H. W. H. H. -  
J. H. W. H. H. -  
J. H. W. H. H. -

My dear Sir,

19. December 1879. —

I duly received your letter, and I now enclose your post office order, No: 3.103, dated Hamilton, Office, 19. December, 1879. — for thirty dollars. —

I also send you Receipts in duplicate, for you to sign, and return to me. —

When recently talking with some one, at Brantford, I was told that (2.) Salmon were caught at Springfield, last spring, by the Mullet and Suckers, fishermen. —

I wish you to ask for me, who they were, their names, and residence. —

I wish you the Compliments of the season (Thomas) and many happy returns of the same. —

Thomas Harris Esq  
Chesterville,  
Ontario

Sincerely,  
John W. Harris.  
J. W. Harris.

My dear Mr Gordon. —

Hamilton, 19. December 1879. —

Will you be please to find, post office order No: 3.101, dated Hamilton, Office, — 19. of December 1879, for five hundred dollars. —

If this amount, you will take fifty dollars, for yourself, give twenty, to Mr Thomas Fields; and keep the balance thirty dollars, for your son Stephen, he having written me, to give the money to you. —

I however, may tell you, that I promised to get Stephen your son forty dollars. — and I promised Thomas Fields, twenty dollars; while all the department, at Ottawa, granted, for Duffins Creek, was \$100. — upon the recommendation of Mr. Neilson.

I must however, keep my word with Stephen, and when I make out my incidentals for present quarter, ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879, — and get the money, I will give you \$10. more for Stephen. —

I send you Receipts in duplicate for Thomas Fields filled up, get him to sign them; and please return to me. —

I got the cheque last night, for the \$100. — and it is now in the bank to day. —

I wish you the best of the season (Thomas) and many happy returns of the same. —

Yours truly,  
John W. Harris.  
J. W. Harris.

My dear Sir,

22. Dec: 1879. —

I was informed this day, that Messrs. Hutton, Huttonville and Kenneth Whishorn, M. P. P. — Sawmill Owners — have been allowing saw dust into the waters of the River Credit. You will visit those saw mills — for it must be stopped immediately; the saw mill, between Horns, and Springfield, on the River Credit, be visited by you, and the state you find them in, reported to me, by you, for the information of the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. P.S. Note in your Allen's Book, the river in which you find each mill. Yrs. truly,

Jas: J. Wilcox Esq.

John Wilcox Esq.

Payee Stamp 50¢.

My dear Sir,

private.

Upon the recommendation the Esbs. Sealed, Confiscated from Enoch Patchet, are ordered to be given to the poor in the neighbourhood of Port Credit.

Especially thank Reynolds father and mother are as poor, as any one, in your neighbourhood; please let them have the fourteen Esbs; now in your possession.

Jas: J. Wilcox Esq.  
P.O.  
Port Credit.

Yrs. truly,  
John Wilcox  
P.O.

22. Dec: 1879

My dear Sir,

William Kerby Esq. J. P. of the Town of Niagara, has twice written to me about the Constable Mr. Bradleys costs in your suit against David Hellos — tried convicted, and set to jail by him, upon your complaint. — As you are alone responsible for these costs, I would recommend you, for to pay them at once.

Yrs. truly  
John Wilcox  
P.O.

22. Dec: 1879.

M'GWYNN vs. JONES.  
This is an appeal in a fishery case in which the ownership of lake waters was brought into question. Mr. Sadleir appeared for the appellant; Mr. Osler for the respondent. His Honor gave his judgment on a point raised by Mr. Osler that this Court had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal. The Fisheries Act provided for an appeal to the Minister of Fisheries, and to that tribunal must be relegated the appellant's rights to seek redress in this case. The appeal was therefore dismissed.



Sir,

23. Decr. 1879.

I send the honor to send you, the copy of a letter, I this day received from Mr. Frank L. Drake, C. C. of Police Court, as I distributed the Commissioners, printed Notice - dated 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 1879. - amongst all the fishermen - fish dealers, Express Agents, and Railway Managers in my division; I will just run down after Mr. Drake, see Mr. Cleghorn, find out where he got those speckled trout, and have him fined, for having 12 boxes of them, in his possession illegally. - "Close season" -

perhaps these speckled trout are from Montreal, I will again refer to you as.

I Have &amp;c.

J. W. L.

Yours respectfully

Sir,

26. Decr. 1879.

I attended before the Police Magistrate, Toronto in the case against J. Cleghorn, being brought up by, Chas. Constable Drake, "for having speckled trout in his possession exposed for sale, in contravention of the Fisheries Act".

Mr. Boyde, a Barrister, appeared for the defendant when the Law, and Orders in Council were argued in mitigation of the offence.

I asked the Magistrate to adjourn the case until Tuesday next, in order that I might lay the matter before you for adjudication. -

I believe from the annexed telegraph, it is a case for you to decide.

By the annexed bill you will find there was 199 pounds of Speckled Trout in the Consignment.

No Certificate similar to that which is sent with these - "June and July" Salmon, accompany these Speckled Trout,

please return the Invoice and Telegram,

J. W. L.

I Have &amp;c.

John W. L.

P.S. I presume you know Mr. Geo. Miller of Montreal. W. R.

✓ Friday, 26. December 1879. -

✓ At Toronto, attending the Police Court, in case of E. B. Draper against J. Cleghorn, for having speckled trout illegally in his possession, imposed for sale - Case adjourned; so that the Fisheries department, may be communicated with;

✓ Went out at 8. a. m., came in at 6.30. p. m., Miles 90. 44 B. 1.50, Ry fare 2.00, dinner 55¢ - Gabriel, promised to pay Bradley the amount, his claim. - -

Saturday 27. December 1879. -

✓ At St. Catharines and Niagara, getting up returns for 1879. -

✓ Went out at 10. a. m., came in at 5. p. m. - Miles 48. - Ry fare \$1. Stage 50¢, dinner 40¢, Tea and bed 50¢. - Tel: 30¢.

Sunday, 28. December 1879. -

✓ Attended old Mrs. Walter Elliotts funeral. was one of the pall bearers. - Breakfast dinner, tea and bed off 1.00¢. Spoke to Mr. Gabriel, about costs, in Draper case, who promised to pay them. - -

Monday 29. December 1879. -

✓ At Niagara, St. Catharines, Hamilton, and Home. - went out 5.30. a. m., came in at 10. a. m., Miles 46, 44 B. \$2.00 & Ry fare \$1. -

Tuesday 30. Dec: 1879. -

✓ At Toronto to attend, adjourned speckled trout case. - Mrs. Whitchers, telegram was read also my last communication and telegram to the Fisheries department, went out 5.30. a. m., came in at 6.30. p. m., went by Ice boat across to the Island to get David Woods returns of fish for year 1879. - Case of speckled trout, adjourned until the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next, did not get return - Miles 90. - Ry fare \$2. Breakfast and dinner \$1. Ice Boat \$1. -

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1880. -

✓ On B. Beach, came down for Mr. Chapman to about her appeal, &c. - was called on by an officer of the Minister's decision in case of Draper - also decision of St. Catharines. - then began on my return, from Beach, and saw Mr. Cahill again on the subject, 11.30. a. m. - went out at 8. a. m., came in at 5. p. m. Miles 30, 44 B. 2.00. -

Friday 2. January 1880. -

✓ At Toronto, examined the speckled trout, in J. Cleghorn's possession, - they are evidently Freyer trout, no spawn in them - they are a mixture of Sea, and speckled trout - a long time caught, the bellies of some of them turned yellow, and beginning to decay, - made a memorandum in my pocket diary, - examined them by order of Dept. went out at 11.35. a. m., came in at 5. p. m., Miles 110, Ry fare \$2.00, dinner 50¢.

Sir,

31. December 1879. —

I have the honor to report, that I attended the adjourned Speckled trout case of J. Cleghorn, of the City of Toronto, before Police Magistrate Dennis, this day. —

Mr. Boyde, Barrister, again appeared for the defendant and argued precisely, as he had done before, per my report of 26<sup>th</sup> inst. —

Mr. J. Dennis's full Conviction views as to the clearness of the law, and regulations in the case was not shaken by Mr. Boyde's argument. — I handed to the Magistrate for perusal, your telegram of 27<sup>th</sup> directing my course in the case. —

The worthy Magistrate however, at the urgent request of Mr. Boyde again adjourned the case, until the 9<sup>th</sup> of January next, so as to let Mr. Boyde, have an opportunity of getting your full views on the case, besides hearing from Mr. John Miller, Irish dealer, of Bathurst St. Mr. Boyde will write you on the subject himself, and when you answer his communication, will you be pleased to send me a copy of it. — Also a copy of the Canada Gazette, containing the last regulation in Council, fixing the close season for speckled trout. —

Chief Clerk, Profr, holds on to the case as he had it before the Magistrate, when I first got down to Toronto. —

The speckled trout are still in the boxes they were in, when seized, sealed up, and remaining at Cleghorn 92, Yonge St. but safe and secure.

Whitaker & Co.  
Comrs of Fishery  
Ottawa.

I remain  
Yours  
J. O.

Saturday. 3. January 1879. —

at Toronto, getting up returns — went out at 11.30, a.m.  
Came in at 11.30, a.m. Miles 5. — By fare 80 cts 84 x 0.50

Per. for Copy of Patches  
Conviction. —

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2, January 1879. —

I have the honor to report for your information that Messrs. May, Mortimer, have been sending circulars to Irish dealers, in my division representing their job for sale. - and in which they state that the Box, containing Col. von, can be found with Iphigene Trout. - -

I hope you will visit the Prof. Office at Montreal, to  
attend to the same. —

And please inform me if the above, you speak of, is the same in the premises of Leach, as it is in my mind so that I may be prepared to do my duty, if there is any difficulty about it, and respond for sale. —

I sent Mr James Hickson, E. A. Perkins & Co. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> about the biggest made at Toronto, a parting to him at the same time, that the John Wheeler, of Rockport, just dealer, had more of them than in his possession, and would bring them, if illegally come by. —

I have 7.

Ref: A-1116

2. 10. 1900

Monday, 5, June / 1870.

See B. Bay - Collected off 3 - as follows, Joe Spear -  
 fishing licenses, - David Smith of 1, - and John Carey, of 1. -  
 and \$1. - from George Cooke - of Leslieville, - took down  
 the names of persons 28, having fishing houses on B. Bay,  
 at the 4th St. west end at 9. 30 a. m. came in at 3. 15 p. m.,  
 killed 12, 44 & 5. 1.00, - C. Horn, with me. -

Wednesday January 1680. —

On W. beach, getting up very early at 10.15, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. charges \$1.40 + 1.50. Still 2.

City of Hamilton, sent me a lot of some leaves in a box, for my collection.  
 I am with me. - from the place where it all - about 1000 ft. high.  
 I am with me. - from the place where it all - about 1000 ft. high.

11/11/11

My dear Sir,

31. December 1879.

Mr John Miller a Fish dealer resident in Bathurst the Head Quarters of your Division, M.B., recently sent two boxes of speckled trout, containing 199 pounds weight to J. Cleghorn, 92, Yonge Street, Toronto - which is in my division in Ontario. -

These fish being exposed for sale, were seized by Chief Com. Frank J. Harper, and reported to me, see section 11, and sub section 2, of section 11, of the Fisheries Act. -

I reported all the particulars of this case to the department at Ottawa. - - -

The case has been twice before the Police Court, Toronto, and stands at present adjourned, until the 9<sup>th</sup> of January next. -

Cleghorn asserts for the possession, by saying that they were received from Mr John Miller, M.B., who claims to have had them legally, and kept them in an artificial freezer. -

If this is so, some proof of the fact should be forthcoming at the next adjourned trial, and it was quite easy for Mr Miller, if he shipped trout lawfully taken in your Galt, to be sold in any market, where the local laws forbid their being exposed for sale, to have provided himself, with the certificate of the local fishing officer. -

As you are that officer's resident at Bathurst, M.B., will you, if you can conscientiously do so, send me such a certificate in order, that the same may be <sup>produced and</sup> pleaded as lawful excuse at next trial, according to the statute, and if you cannot do this, please write to me to that effect. -

Mr John Miller, Cleghorn told me, has still plenty of speckled trout on hand. - - -

As Cleghorn may likely apply to Miller to obtain such certificate from you. - I consider it my duty to apprise you at once of the above facts, so that you may be put on your guard, what it is required for. - And should everything be legally carried on, or otherwise, and the fish had been caught in lawful season. As sent to Cleghorn, as these still in Miller's possession at Bathurst.

I may be able to certify, that I have written you myself on the subject with the result, whatever it may be, that I receive from you, and believe me. -

Yours faithfully,

James McKinnon Esq.  
J. Cresser,  
Bathurst, Onto.

John Miller  
J. Cresser,  
Hamilton, Onto.

M.B.

K. B. I. object to writing you, as to find a way, by which  
 you can be pleased to let me have immediately, an  
 account of all the different kinds of fish caught by  
 you during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879, with their respective  
 value in the market of Montreal.

If you should find that I have been legally caught, please  
 give date of catching, & name of the fish, and also the name of the  
 fisherman.

My dear Sir,

6. January 1880.

Will you be pleased to let me have immediately, an  
 account of all the different kinds of fish caught by  
 you during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879, with their respective  
 value in the market of Montreal.

Also the number of yards of all the different kinds of fish  
 caught by you during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879, with their respective  
 value in the market of Montreal.

Also the number of yards of all the different kinds of fish  
 caught by you during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879, with their respective  
 value in the market of Montreal.

Also the number of yards of all the different kinds of fish  
 caught by you during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879, with their respective  
 value in the market of Montreal.

Yours truly,  
 Robert John Allen,

Believe me, Sir,  
 Yours truly,  
 John W. Allen,

Montreal.

Immediate.

My dear Sir,

7. January 1880.

I will thank you to inform Messrs. Brothers & Co.,  
 and James Joyce, that unless they pay up their license fees, \$5, dollars  
 each, by next Saturday, for the past year of 1879, I shall refuse  
 to issue them licenses.

When licenses are to be paid over due, licenses are also liable  
 to be cancelled altogether.

You must pay me now at once, and stop  
 paying this year 1880, until they pay me in advance.

They had money when I was in Monte last winter.

Yours truly,

Robert John Allen,

Montreal. I must have  
 your license fee \$5, by Saturday next, so don't fail to let me know it to  
 me; as I have received orders to collect up every year over  
 the year and send it to Ottawa, immediately, don't fail me this  
 time.

Yours truly,

Robert John Allen.

Montreal.

Robert John Allen,

7. January 1880.



5. January 1880. —

I have the honor to send you herewith Vouchers Nos: 1, 2, and 3, — for the sum of One Hundred, and forty five dollars: — paid by me to the undermentioned Guardians, on the Salmon Streams; and which amount, was fixed by the Hon. Minister, Fisheries Superintendent of the Government Fish and Game Department to...

1. — John Gordon & 2, others. — Grubbs Creek. — 100.  
 2. — Peter Goshue — The Rouge. — 25.  
 3. — Thomas Harris. — The River Credit, Shesterville. — 20.

Total \$ 145.

The amount and cheque on the Montreal Bank, being in my name, I send you receipts in duplicate for the said \$145. —

Hon: Minister,

John W. Kerr

Paid for Post Office Orders 80. —

My dear Sir, I wish to engage you again this fall, and your services are engaged accordingly by me, and upon my recommendation and with the permission of The Hon: The Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa; as a Local Fishery guardian, during the spawning season of salmon, in the River Credit, between Springfield and Meadowsall, at the rate of \$20, same as you had last year. —

(Young Spruce, I have no doubt upon my mind, shot a salmon last fall. — Then you will have to keep a close watch on George Henry J. L. Cooper, Dick Clarke, and on Walter Lashburn and others, of Shesterville, &c. — I wish you may be able to catch some of them. —

Please let me hear from you on receipt, as the water is (high) rising, I expect a fair good show of parent salmon spawning in the Credit shortly, please examine the River between Springfield and Meadowsall, as in from one of every little incident of a kind connected with the salmon, and the speckled trout, coming to your knowledge in any way, or under your own personal observation. —

Don't permit let box traps or nets of any kind, nor spearing, nor grapnel hooks, shooting, &c.  
 And with my kind regards. —

Thomas Harris Esq

Water Keeper

Shesterville

Yrs Truly,

John W. Kerr

D. O.

6, October 1879.



S. C.

16. December 1879. —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., in which you attempt to mislead me, by making statements that are not correct. —

In the first place, you applied to Mr. Whitaker, the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa, for the privilege of fishing five sets of Sloop nets. — Mr. Whitaker sent me a copy of your letter to report upon. — I have now written me that you made application for the privilege of fishing 10 Sloop nets, instead of five which is not correct. —

And then you go on, with your special pleading which so far as I am concerned amounts to nothing. —

Mr. Whitaker sent me a copy of the letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> November last, he has written to you. — I will carry out the instructions, towards you, that I have received in the premises. —

In reporting upon your application, I only estimated that small fish at 7¢ per pound (dressed), while I am now aware that you can sell that you catch for 10¢ <sup>per</sup> pound, fresh fish being admitted into U. States <sup>duty</sup> free. — I have no power whatever to permit you, or any other person to fish nets or other apparatus in any of the waters of Ontario under my supervision except under ~~decrees~~ or Licenses from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and I cannot, and I will not make an exception in your case.

According to your own showing, you intend fishing eight nets, now, instead of five, as first applied for! ~~And~~ the price will be only 5¢ for each net, payable in advance. I suppose you don't intend to throw back all the fish, the bass, the suckers and mullets, perch and sun fish, good marketable fish, that you may and will also catch. —

I was in Dufferin Creek, and Percheron Bay this morning, and I saw the nets you left in Dufferin Creek station. — I am aware that you have been recently there yourself. —

Should you come to the final conclusion of accepting the privilege communicated to you by the Commissioner I will see that no one trespasses within your licensed limits. — You can commence with one or two nets, but in each instance, the money has to be paid before fishing is commenced by you. — — —



As regards, whether there is a scarcity or an abundance of this American favorite fish, called cat, fish, or else Bull heads, in Frenchman's bay, I am not prepared to tell you in fact, whatever my knowledge on this subject is, I must keep it to myself at present, perhaps it is best for me to do this. —

It is in order that you may not misunderstand me, that I write you this very matter of fact plain answer to your letter. —

You ought to be fishing now as there is no danger of being nets in Frenchman's bay. —

Please excuse me for writing thus fairly and above board. — and believe me.

Yours truly,  
John Fisher  
Fisherman  
Houghton, Ont.

J. H. Blackwell  
John H. Blackwell  
J. H.

11. 2. 1877.

I am in receipt of yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, acquainting me of your appointment, by the Hon. the Minister of Justice to act as counsel for the Crown in two cases brought against Enoch Patchet Jr. and John Patchet (Jr. and others), Township of Toronto, tried before Robert Cox Esq. J. P., on 8<sup>th</sup> September last, upon Complaint of James G. Wilcox, a fishing Guardian, Port Credit. — For that he did on several occasions, between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August last, to wit, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of said month, fish for, catch and kill fish to wit hals, bass, and other fishes of various kinds in the River Credit, township of Toronto, without a license from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, and that they did at the same time and place entirely obstruct the passage of the fish in the main channel and waters of the River Credit; with a box trap apparatus &c, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. — For these offences which was proven by a boy named Black Reynolds, who aided in the fishing, got some of the fish caught, and sold some of the fish for the defendants. —

They were fined, \$5. each, and \$3 Costs, Fc. Fc. Fc. —

James G. Wilcox, complained against each person separately on oath, and he appeared at the trial. — I was present also and made a statement, corroborating the boys testimony, as to the box trap apparatus in which the fish were caught, where it was set in the River Credit proved to be the same the witness Black Reynolds, saw the defendants Enoch Patchet Jr. making in his fathers barn previous to its being fished, and used as aforesaid. —

The defendants appealed against the Magistrates conviction, because trying to show that the boy, the witness was not worthy of Credit on oath. —

I enclose for your information the Notices of appeal served on James G. Miley, and on the Convicting Magistrate, by the defendants. —

I also enclose what I believe is a copy of the Conviction of Leach Patchet, and John Patchet. —

I may have inform you, that I have been notified by the J. Department, Ottawa, of your appointment, and I will see Robert Cox Esq<sup>re</sup> J. P. — the Convicting Magistrate soon and will get him a copy of the Evidence &c, and I will aid you in every other way within my power. —

Please read sub sections, 4, and 5, of section 13 of the Fisheries Act, and believe me with due respect. —

J. J. Gray Esq<sup>re</sup>  
Barrister  
Toronto.

Your Obedt Servant  
John W. Kerr  
J. P. O.

The Attorney General of Nova Scotia is appellants Counsel, a Not grt, J. W. Kerr J. P. O.

Sir,

8, January 1880,

I have the honor to apply to you for a blank letter Book, of about 400, or 450. pages. —

Each page to be 14 inches long, by 9 inches wide, including 1 1/2 inch margin, marked with a red single line. —

My present letter book, a ruled book, contains 457. pages; and I am at present copying on page 432. —

I have &c,  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Minister.

John W. Kerr.  
J. P. O. —

Friday, 9. January 1880. —

At Toronto, attended the adjourned case of Chief Con: Frank C. Draper, against J. Cleghorn & Son. — No evidence of-  
posed beyond a letter from John Miller of Bathurst, N.B. —  
and from James McKinnon, Fishery Officer, Bathurst N.B. —  
after which the case was dismissed by the Magistrate. —  
went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. Miles 88.  
My fare \$2.00, dinner 50¢. At B. 1.50. —

For further particulars, see my report. —

Saturday, 10. January 1880.

Man: Clark paid me \$2.50 of. on acct of a License for current year. — — —

20,

8. January 1880.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a license to keep a house for the health of the people for the year 1880. The license is for the year 1880, at the rate of \$30.00.

Also a license to keep a house for the year 1880, at the rate of \$30.00.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. H. H. H.

J. H. H. H.

I have to

do this for

you.

My dear Sir,

10. January 1880.

If I possibly can, I will be with you on Monday next, for the purpose of seeing you about the license for the year 1880. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. H. H. H.

I will also give you the same information to be given to you by the health officer, and will be very happy to see you at the same time.

J. H. H. H.  
J. H. H. H.  
J. H. H. H.

Yours,  
J. H. H. H.

12. January 1880.

My dear Sir, I have your favor of the 8th inst. of 1879, and I shall be obliged to take pleasure in seeing you on Monday next, for the purpose of seeing you about the license for the year 1880. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. H. H. H.

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Yours,  
J. H. H. H.

N.B.

The license for the year 1880 must be paid before you can see me.



9. January 1880. -

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo. and in obedience to your order. I examined the Trout seized by Constable John H. S. Hooper, Esq., &c. - I opened several of the fish, but I found not a particle of roe or eggs in them.

The Trout were Iceberg frozen fish in a solid mass, a competent Judge, to whom I showed 2 of them (Trout.) informed me they were Sea Trout.

I believe they were Sea Trout; a letter was produced from Miller to Blegghorn, was read at the adjourned trial today dated 3<sup>rd</sup> of January instant, stating that he Miller was sorry to hear the trouble he Blegghorn had got into about the Trout; that they were Sea Trout, but that it was of no consequence now! as the close season was over? -

The Magistrate dismissed the Case. - -

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of December last, I addressed, a letter, copy herewith, to Mr. James Dickson, Fishery Overseer, Bathurst, N.B., and his reply to me, which the Magistrate also read in Court, will inform you of all the facts that have come to my knowledge in this case of Mr. Frank C. Hooper C. O., of Police, Bathurst. - -

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Minister

Yr. Yr. Yr.

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

F. Overseer

12. January 1880. -

"Immediate."

My dear Sir, I was in the City of Bathurst, on last Friday, when I heard from Mr. Michael Doyle, that you were concerned fishing the trout, without having a license to do so, from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa? -

You will please send me ten dollars, on receipt of this, so that I may apply for, and get your Boat license for this current year of 1880, and so prevent the several members of your crew from being fined, for fishing without a license. - It has been also spoken of that some persons intend building a Club Boat House on the lake, on the Island - fishing reserve. The Fisheries Dept. will not permit any building thereon, except for fishing purposes. - I have also learned from a Gentleman, a Lawyer, when in the Court to Police Court, last Friday, that Macdonald, wants the exclusive rights of the Fisheries reserve in front of the place where he proposes to build his Hotel; so you must pay. And better be up and watch over your fishing interests. -

When on the Island, the 30<sup>th</sup> of December last, I left a memorandum at your sons House William - for to send me the Annual return of all kinds of fish caught by you, during the year 1879. But so far no notice has been taken of it.

Remember me kindly my friend David to your good kind old wife Mrs. Ward, and believe me, Yr. Obediently, -  
John W. Kerr Esq.

Yr. Yr. Yr.

[illegible]

1850, 12 1880, —

cus, riding, Buffalo, to Erie, Ridgeway. You'll have to go  
again to Fort Erie. Ridgeway fare \$4.00 + 54. Train 2, dinner tea and beer  $\frac{7}{8}$   
miles to 4. Getting up - the real Returns. - Saw Chester A. Brown's name  
John "Cousin" (he was on the Niagara River at Erie - also John  
Wesley Murray - the Bonded Fisherman between Windmill  
point, and Point Abino - found all regular, -

C. Stokes paid me \$15. on acct of dividend for the  
month of Dec. in

Sunday, 13. January 1880. —

at Fort Erie, Buffalo, Suspension Br., and Hamilton.  
miles 66, N.Y. 1882 included above. — Breakfast 25, Street  
Railway fare, 22 1/2, arrived N.Y. for speaking time same  
distribution of money. — Letter to

Albion, N. Y., 14. January 1880.

[illegible]

My dear Sir,  
Your letters (2) received, what I asked my friend, Sykes to tell you was; to send me your returns immediately of all your kind hauls by you during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1879. —

The value of each kind of fish. —

The kinds of nets used in catching them. —

If a seine, its length in fathoms. — And value in £, dollars, including the ropes used in hauling. —

The quantity of gill nets: say;

pink gill, number of yards. —

White fish gill net, do.

Stave gill net, do.

The number of all kinds of boats used by you in fishing, and their intrinsic value. —

Please let me have this immediately. —

With reference to your license, I will apply for it, on your own, but I may find you are a great risk in fishing, as I understand you are without, and before you get a license.

When a man applies for a license, he should invariably send the money. Of course your case is different, but you are aware, that if those persons who were given last fall complain of you, I could not save you. — I allude to this, to show you, what a risk you run. —

I will thank you to see Mr. Abram Frobb for me, immediately, and get him to send me his annual returns immediately, and license money. —

A person offered me \$20, for the 20 from this year, but I declined to take it, as I suppose Mr. Frobb was for that amount. —

I will ask you, to tell Mr. Frobb, to keep Overholt, within his Overholt fishing limits, he must not allow him to come east of the Head all summer. —

I saw Lyon at Trinity today, having a load of Bass, and Pike from Frobb, for the Hamilton Market tomorrow morning. Please tell him, I took six of them. —

I will endeavor to be down early on tomorrow morning in Hamilton to get a good buy for him, —

And believe me yours &c.

Mr. Wm. Gilbert,

Fisherman

Jordan Station,

Nov 27/79

John W. Laro

D.O.



Sir,

15 January 1880,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above.

- Will you be pleased to apply the amount in (244122),  
 1. for the above. The total amount is \$195.00 per  
 2. 1877, and the balance is \$10.00.  
 2. Charles H. and Mrs. Harris, The New England of Boston  
 and the following names in the May 1878 issue of the  
 above as to, amount \$10.00, 15.00,  
 3. The United States Bank, New York, for the purchase  
 of 2 1/2 inch metal plates for the same. Amount off \$5.  
 The balance is \$10.00, 2.50,  
 4. George H. and Mrs. Harris, The New England of Boston  
 and the following names in the May 1878 issue of the  
 above as to, amount \$10.00, 1.00,  
 5. The New England Bank, Boston. The license to open a  
 10 day, and the balance is \$10.00, 1.00,  
 6. John H. and Mrs. Harris, The New England of Boston,  
 1.00,  
 Total \$25.50

Respectfully,

I have &c.

John H. Harris

Sir,

15 January 1880,

I have the honor to apply to you for the license to haul  
 licenses, for the above.

For Abraham H. Harris, Township of Blanton, for the  
 year in the 10 mile zone. To be the same as last year.  
 And for Richard Harris, Township of Smith for the year in the  
 10 mile zone, To be the same as last year.

The license fees will be paid immediately.

I have &c.

John H. Harris

Respectfully,

I have &c.

In \$2 25  
 paid  
 25  
 25  
 25

paid for mail news  
 paper 15 Jan/ 50.

15. Jan. 1880.  
 I have the honor to receive your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.,  
 in relation to the matter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. The Minister is disposed to allow the parties  
 a reasonable time to pay the fines which would be assessed as the limit in each case.  
 I am respectfully to state that the  
 the fines were all  
 paid in to the Magistrate by all the parties named, two  
 days before you left the island.

In a conversation I had with Mr. James Cahill last  
 evening, we came to the conclusion to ask you instructions as  
 to the disposal of the some ten ropes confiscated belonging  
 to Daniel McFarlane.

The ropes belong to the same place, although in  
 isolated places near the coast of the premises.

Yours faithfully,

John W. H. H.

My dear Sir,

15. January 1880.

I am in receipt of your annual Return  
 of fish for year 1879; and I find you have omitted Bass of  
 all kinds from the Return. -- Also Herring, herring and white  
 fish. I want a correct return, and nothing more. -- So  
 let me have it.

When speaking to you some time ago, I told you, I  
 would endeavour to get you the fifteen, along with the 16,  
 mile back ponds.

Last year Tyson paid off 10, for the 15 pond. are  
 you willing to pay 10, for it, or not. Please answer,  
 as Tyson has applied for it.

Yrs. faithfully,

John W. H. H.

Dorset Station Office,

J. W. H.

Wednesday, 21. January 1880.

At Dorset attempted to cross to the Island. --  
 not then capable of the ship of Dorset Island from  
 the City Clerk went out at 9. A. M. came in at  
 5. P. M. Miles 90. My fare \$2. dinner 55 of Boat  
 25.

My dear Gordon,

I duly received your letter respecting the sheep. If you have not already done so, please pay it over to Mr. Thomas Fielder who will be able to give you a receipt.

I am just getting on balance your letter as people. I am busy making out my annual report, and with my usual care, believe me, Yours, &c.

John H. Brown

S. C.

16. January 1880.

My dear Mr. Brown,

16. January 1880.

I am just busily engaged in making out my annual report, and will include your shepherds in all that with the rest.

I was in Poona, just as you leave, but had no time to come down to your house, which I was at for a few days.

I was here in Poona last night after I had dispatched my report to the Government. Now if those fishermen are all don't pay their license fees - I will have to seize their boats and all the nets in this lake and the River.

Very truly respects to Mrs. Brown, and believe me, Yours, &c.

John H. Brown

John H. Brown

S. C.

My dear Mr. Brown,

When in the City of Cochin on Saturday a person complained to me that you were taking sheep nets in the harbor, and the police there, and asked me to stop it. For the present on receipt of this, if you have any sheep nets fishing there then a - immediately in their hands done so, apply to me in writing for a license to fish them, giving me the number and date you offer to pay for each. Don't fail to do this in writing. - Mr. See Campbell, Joe, and have him lift his net also all over if he has one.

The person who spoke to me, also told the police there, and the police there about a fortnight ago told me of it.

The person who told me on Saturday, called on me and was a pretty good fellow to the point. The gentleman, - Attorney.

Now as a man don't fail to do all I ask you promptly and when you have taken out the sheep nets, then write to me at once - an application for license to fish them.

Yours, &c.

John H. Brown,  
S. C.  
Chennai.

John H. Brown

22 Jan 1880.



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1, January 1880.

In obedience to your Circular, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., I have  
now the honor to send you Nos 1, 2, and 3, of the Annual Report,  
to, of my Mission, and your truly, Stephen D. G., to the Executive  
Committee, of the American Board.

I was able to send the 1000 Re' deems for collection  
Mr John W. Ramsey's returns. I expect them back on tomorrow  
when I will complete my division, and send the same to you  
at the  
I have 91-

21 June 19

not clear

Mr. [illegible]

*[Faint handwritten notes]*

2.

23, January 1880.

I have the honor to send you herewith No. 4,  
the last and best Deceased Return in my division. —

I find I've had to enter No. 1. return - Caught in  
Early last in Toronto Bay, caught by John Wilson, and James  
Howard of "Acorn" - about 6 miles long. - they were blis-  
sfully alive. -

11-10-10

Edward H. Leroy

Don: Minister

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attached my Annual Report — This 24<sup>th</sup>  
of January 1860. — Having sent my Returns —  
Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, my premiums — as per my  
Communications of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of January  
last —

Toronto 24<sup>th</sup> January 1880. -

At 10 a.m. to see Wm<sup>th</sup> B. Woollard of Leslieville, to make inquiries about it. He having fished in Don, and Ashbridges Bay, - then that Billy, a black, an Irish brother was setting a small piece of fish in the opening in Ashbridges Bay.

Went out at 6, A.M. came in at 7, P.M., Miles  
98, saw 10 birds in the life about licenses for present year,  
also two. While I was there he has been doing his duty.  
He's called a "Bird of course" and now the "Bird" is still  
to him on the subject of the bird, V. June 14, 2.

Sir,

29 January 1880.

Mr. 225

I have the honor to send you herewith the cash draft  
for the sum of thirty pounds.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount in license  
you for this season as follows;

1. As a license. In reply to John and others the owners of  
Salt Lake, to fish in the Chaguan River there already re-  
ceived. Balance - 15.00.
2. As a license of Chilton, for a license in 20,  
elsewhere in the County of South Devon.  
Balance - 15.00.

The

Hon. Mr. Minister

Total 30 00

C. Ross &amp; Co

John W. Ross

D. A.

Sir,

28 January 1880.

I have the honor to refer you to my report dated  
26<sup>th</sup> of November last, in reply to an application <sup>then</sup> made by  
Mr. W. J. of Chilton, for leave to fish five sets of Hoop nets  
in Dorset or Wiltshire Bay, which I then reported to you.

In that report you will please find the following  
sentence: "Mr. William Woodland, a licensed fisherman with  
a young family living on the east end of Wiltshire Bay, did  
ask me to enquire to know if he could or would be  
allowed to fish Hoop nets to get some small cod fish when  
my answer was no, after discussing the matter between us."

Mr. Woodland has now renewed his application  
for a license to catch cod fish in Wiltshire Bay, and will  
hope will be able to sell, all he catches for  
1/2 pence per pound.

I beg most respectfully, under the circumstances  
of his position, with a small young family, that you will  
be pleased to issue to him a license to expire on the  
31<sup>st</sup> of March next, for leave to fish five Hoop nets,  
the license fee to be of 3, for each net.

Very truly yours, I have the honor to be  
liberated alive.

No. 225

all yours

I have the

John W. Ross

D. A.

—

28, January, 1880. —

I have the honor to receive your decision of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, to Mr Staulow's application, and my report thereon, for that portion of the Staulow point fishery and fishery reserve part of his property there. —

And in reply you are pleased to say: "No income =  
no license in Alaska?" - Ward, even result, now granting  
the application of Mr. Haulen who will therefore be allowed  
a license of the fishery privileges around Haulens point."

and pleasure to the Son; The Minister's decision. —

But I beg to report that there are times when the other  
licensed fishermen, on the Toronto Island have been obliged  
and will hereafter, I have no doubt, be obliged to leave  
in their boats too, and on their return, from the city of  
Toronto, land on the extreme end of St. Pauls point, :-

You will therefore be pleased, in issuing <sup>to Mr</sup> Danlon, a  
the license, not to put any special clause in it, which may  
debar the other licensed fishermen from landing there. --

Now if it is ~~not~~ too late, Sh... Sharon's fee, should be about \$ 30. yearly. — —

I hope you will be pleased to let me have a copy of the ~~name~~ and the letters you write ~~also~~ <sup>Ward</sup> and pray, so that I may be in a position to smooth things over, ~~also~~ <sup>they arise for my doing</sup> so. — — — I have not yet, however seen either of them. — — —

C. Hase, Jr.

Hon<sup>l</sup> Ministers

John W. Carr.  
Geo.

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Let John, Wm. H. Adams, & others. - Thence to the mouth  
of 20 mile creek, at Lake Superior. Saw about 84, frobb, in  
Richard's Mill. All went to the top. Expenses for 1880.  
Frobb, paid and sent money. Gilbert's to be paid  
next week, sent out at 5. d. of, came in at 0.30,  
for a job at 30. d. of, gave \$2.00, more 25. They have  
been looking up some money. Ross and John.  
The same as last time. I don't know of the name  
of any other of them.



# THE ANNUAL MEETING

## OF THE FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Of the County of Wentworth—Election of Officers—Review of the Work of the Year and Other General Business.

The first annual meeting of the Fish and Game Protective association was held last evening in the grand jury room of the court house. There was a good turnout of members, the chair being occupied by the president, Mr. J. E. O'Reilly. After the reading of the minutes and the consideration of a letter written by the president to city representatives of the Dominion Parliament, respecting the fisheries laws, the secretary, Mr. C. H. Bethell, read a statement of the work done by the association during the year. A petition had been sent to the Fisheries Department at Ottawa to prevent netting in Burlington Bay, which was granted.

Patrick Hand, of Winona, was prosecuted for illegally netting ducks in Lake Ontario. He was fined \$5.

Titus Williams and brother, of East Flamboro', were prosecuted for hounding deer in close season. The case was lost.

A case of illegal netting in Burlington Bay was also lost.

Mr. Campbell was prosecuted for destroying fish in Twelve-Mile creek. He was fined \$50, but the fine was remitted by the Government, and Twelve-Mile creek exempt from the fisheries statute. The association were corresponding with the Government, and trying to show that the creek was a suitable place for the propagation of fish, and was worthy of Government protection.

Two farmers of East Flamboro, named Reynard, were prosecuted for killing deer. They were fined \$75.

John Hall and Peter Dowling, of East Flamboro, were prosecuted for killing a yearling doe, and were fined \$19.50 each. The father of Hall was to be prosecuted for having the carcass of the same in his possession.

The financial statement for the year was: Receipts, \$162.25; disbursements, \$188.77, leaving a deficit of \$26.52.

The election of officers for the coming year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

Dr. Malloch, president.  
J. E. O'Reilly, 1st vice-President.  
Dr. McGregor (Watford), 2d vice-President.  
Frederick Snider (Agasseter), 3d vice-President.  
C. H. Bethell, Secretary-Treasurer.  
Directors—James Pett, W. G. Reid, E. V. Spencer, Myles Overand, F. W. Hore, John Bamberger and John Smith.

Mr. J. E. O'Reilly offered the use of his office to the Board of Managers for any time that they should desire it.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. McNair, it was resolved that the directors make a donation to Mr. Plastow, caretaker, for his kind attentions to the members of the association during their meetings.

It was moved by Dr. Malloch and seconded by E. Spencer that Mr. S. McNair be requested to act on behalf of the association in the detection and prosecution of parties violating the provisions of the fish and game laws, and that the county and city councils be petitioned to appoint him game inspector, under sec. 15, chap 31, 43 vic. Ont. Carried.

A letter was read from Mr. J. P. Johnston, of the American Express company, stating that he had been instructed to demand from the association payment of the amount of all expenses incurred by the company in defending the prosecution for having deer in their possession.

The members were of the opinion that as the costs in the case had been regulated by the police magistrate, who had also sanctioned the prosecution, the association had nothing further to do in the matter.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the joint jail and court-house committee for the use of the grand jury room for the purposes of the association.

Mr. O'Reilly then vacated the chair, which was taken by the newly elected president.

Mr. John Smith congratulated the president on his appointment and the association on the selection it had made. He also moved a vote of thanks to the retiring president, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. C. H. Bethell, the untiring secretary of the association.

After some discussion respecting the meetings to be held during the year and the matter of getting up an annual supper, the meeting adjourned.

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Monday, 2. February 1880,  
Sent the George Cooke. Leaside - a spearing  
Net to spear in Ashbridges Bay. - from 1st of January.  
In spearing houses, and through the ice.  
open water. - - -  
O. W. Hore.

No. 144

Original, for the Depositor.

\$ 9.100

Bank of Montreal,

Received from Rev. W. W. Allen

on account of T. L. Shaw

the sum of Blue Dollars

which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

Ent'd.

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Hilfeland  
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